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The man - the moment

Adnan Khashoggi's interview with Ahmed Al Jarallah, Editor-in-Chief of the Arab Times continues to give insights into "inner sanctum" of the organisational genius of "the man - the moment" and his moments of "reflection" during his incarceration which resulted in his reorganising his sophisticated techniques for conducting his billion dollar empire transactions. He gives the reader a vivid scene of how mega deals are promoted in the West as opposed to restrictive banking procedures in the East.

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Soldiers kill 1 in Karabakh

MOSCOW, Oct. 11, (Agencies): Soviet troops opened fire after being attacked with stones and hunting rifles in the disputed area of Nagorno-Karabakh, killing one man and injuring six more, local officials said today.

An official of the special Moscow commission now ruling Karabakh said five soldiers and one officer were also hurt in the incident late last night.

"The soldiers opened fire because people started throwing stones and shooting. They have instructions to open fire in response to shooting," he said.

Tension in the volatile region, which one official said threatened to become another Lebanon, is running high with an unresolved rail blockade and the discovery of illicit weapons shipments.

The commission staff members said the troops, Interior Ministry cadets, were ending their duty tour and heading for an airport in Kirovabad when they were attacked.

But a member of the Karabakh committee, which wants to split off the predominantly Armenian enclave from Azerbaijan, said the troops opened fire for no reason after setting off a signal flare.

Grassroots activists in Azerbaijan yesterday suspended their rail strike that choked off vital supplies to neighbouring Armenia.

Israel seeks modification US tables plan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 11, (Agencies): Israel pressed the United States today to improve the terms of a five-point proposal for Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, Foreign Ministry officials said.

Labour Party ministers in Israel's ruling coalition called for acceptance of Secretary of State James Baker's proposal but hardliners in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's rightist Likud Party mobilised their supporters to fight the US plan.

Israeli officials said the five-point Baker document, submitted to Israel and Egypt, called for an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue in Cairo focusing on Israel's proposal for elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But they said it failed to fully meet Israeli concerns that the PLO would nominate the Palestinian delegates and that the Arab side would use the talks to raise substantive demands unrelated to the elections.

"We don't want to disclose the wording of the US proposal because we are still asking for improvements," a senior Foreign Ministry official told Reuters.

"There are two important issues," he said.

"Is there a real intention to bring us towards elections or is the intention to bypass elections, and is the intention to bring the Arabs of Judea and Samaria (the West Bank) and Gaza to talks with Israel or is it to bring Israel to talks with the PLO?"

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Police arrest Sind secessionist

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 11, (AP): An 85-year-old Pakistani activist who is demanding independence for his southern province of Sind has been arrested after he fled detention orders, police said today.

Ghulam Mohammad Syed, who heads the small but militant Sind National Alliance, was arrested in Punjab province and sent to his hometown of Sann, police said.

Syed advocates secession from Pakistan because he claims Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, also from Sind, has failed to give the province greater autonomy.

Government officials on Monday ordered Syed under house arrest for a month. But after promising to go back to Sann from another town, Syed disappeared.

Then late yesterday, police discovered him as he tried to cross into the neighbouring province of Baluchistan, officials said.

A government spokesman said the detention was ordered to "cut short his seditious campaign that began with desecration of the national flag."

Police arrested some of Syed's supporters for the flag incident but Syed has not been charged.

Syrian with MiG defects to Israel

Damascus denies asylum sought, wants pilot back

MEGIDDO, Israel, Oct. 11, (Reuters): A Syrian Air Force major flew a Soviet-made MiG-23 fighter to Israel today and requested political asylum, the first Arab airman to do so in more than 20 years, the army said.

Israeli security sources said a second Syrian pilot flew his MiG-23 at the same time to Egypt, landing at an airfield near the Mediterranean port of Alexandria.

In Damascus, a senior Syrian official denied the defection and said the plane that flew to Israel made an emergency landing because of mechanical problems.

He said Syria had asked the International Red Cross to

arrange the pilot's return, but he made no mention of a second missing jet. Egypt denied any Syrian plane and landed there.

Israeli military experts said the advanced version of the MiG-23, from the arsenal of Israel's most implacable Arab foe, would provide valuable data for the Jewish state and Nato. The pilot could also give vital information on Syria's Air Force.

"It is undoubtedly an important event for the air force," former Israeli air force chief Mordechai Hod told Israeli army radio. "The Air Force will be able to thoroughly study it and all its systems."

Military sources named the defector as Major Adel Bassem.



Picture taken from a TV monitor showing a Soviet-made MiG-23 surrounded by Israeli soldiers after a Syrian pilot defected and landed his plane in a small airstrip used by Israeli crop-dusting planes

34, and said he was co-operating with his Israeli debriefers.

"It doesn't look like he came here to keep quiet," one excited army officer said.

Israeli warplanes made the Syrian jet land at a small civilian airstrip used by crop-dusting planes to ensure it was not booby-trapped. Astonished workers at the airfield said they offered the pilot drinking water

Explain bribes, Rajiv asked

NEW DELHI, Oct. 11, (Agencies): Opposition members raised slogans and walked out of the upper house of Parliament today after the house chairman rejected demands that Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi answer fresh allegations in a multimillion-dollar arms scandal.

Rajiv was not present during the uproar in the Rajya Sabha, or house of the nation, but was heckled by opposition members who returned when he entered the house to announce a new employment project.

Opposition members waved copies of a newspaper that published the allegations and demanded Rajiv personally explain news reports that kickbacks were paid in the 1986 purchase of artillery from the Swedish company, AB Bofors.

Members of Rajiv's Congress Party, who have a 142-100 majority in the House, shouted back, trying to drown out opposition members chanting, "Corrupt Rajiv Gandhi, resign, resign."

The opposition legislators walked out when House chairman, Vice President Shankar Dayal Sharma, said he would permit a discussion on the newspaper report but would not summon Rajiv.

Opposition members returned 90 minutes later when Rajiv entered to read a statement on creating one million new jobs in the country's towns and cities, and drowned out most of his 30-minute speech with shouted slogans and catcalls.

The Hindu, a Madras-based daily, said in a front-page story on Monday that there was new evidence to prove kickbacks were paid in the \$1.4-billion deal to purchase Bofors' howitzer guns.

Newspapers have alleged that Bofors paid \$50 million to clinch the contract and that some of the money went to senior members of the government.

The allegations were first made in 1987 but have re-surfaced in recent months as the usually fractious opposition tries to form a coalition to unseat Rajiv in national elections due by January.

Monday's article in the Hindu said secret portions of a report by the Swedish National Audit reveal that at least \$31 million were paid to a Panama-based company, whose majority owner was the Indian agent of Bofors.

The article said the Indian and Swedish governments appeared to have colluded in keeping that portion of the report secret and releasing a "sanitized" version.

US will maintain presence in Gulf

Forces constantly on alert

By Jadranka Porter Arab Times staff

THE United States Navy will continue to maintain a permanent presence in the Gulf, head of US forces in the Gulf General Norman Schwarzkopf said yesterday.

Washington is closely watching Iran's re-armament efforts despite the end of hostilities in the Gulf, Schwarzkopf, Commander-in-Chief of the US Central Command told a news conference at the end of a four-day visit to Kuwait.

He added that US forces in the Gulf are constantly on the alert against possible surprise attacks on Gulf shipping.

Kuna adds: Schwarzkopf asserted that "the principal problem that we will face in the Gulf is there is no war but no peace and that is always dangerous."

"I think we will all be much happier when a peace treaty is finally signed" between Iran and Iraq, he said before heading for the airport after a visit to the country.

Iran and Iraq have been in a fierce war since September 1980, but ever since a ceasefire came into effect on August of last year the two adversaries have been engaged in talks to reach an agreement through the United Nations but failed until now.

"There is always the danger that someone will do something foolish and that is simply not in the interest of anyone," contended Schwarzkopf.

"Unfortunately, the situation is not so stabilised yet that we can say that there is no more danger," he reiterated while stressing that US forces in the Gulf will always be "on the alert" and "prepared to deal with that if it happens."

Asked about his talks with the Kuwaiti officials on his second trip to Kuwait this year, the US military official said he came to here to "get a better appreciation of the problems and the situation" in the Gulf area.

While in Kuwait, Schwarzkopf met with many defence officials, including the Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad. He also visited a number of military installations.

He pointed out that no agreement of any sort has been discussed or signed with Kuwait during his visit.

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"The United States demonstrated to the world and the Gulf nations that if a friend needed our help we would come to their help even if it costs the lives of American servicemen," Schwarzkopf said.

Schwarzkopf added the United States would gradually draw down the size of its fleet in the Gulf but will not pull out completely.

He refused to talk numbers but recent press reports quoting US military officials said the US maintains some 14 warships in the Gulf, and about 10 warships, including an aircraft carrier battle group, in the neighbouring north Arabian Sea.

Although the situation in Iran looks stable the US should not let down its guard completely, he said.



That's it

Members of the All India Sikh Students Federation are blocked by mounted police from a march by 2,000 rebellious Sikhs demanding the closure of the interrogation centres all over the Punjab. About 1,000 protesters were arrested after breaking through a police blockade and ignoring an order banning the march. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Request for US help is lies' Benazir call denied

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 11, (AP): The mother of Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto yesterday denied a US newspaper report that the young leader asked President George Bush for help in fighting her enemies.

"No, the report is stupid, it is lies, none of it is true," Madame Nusrat Bhutto told the Associated Press in an exclusive interview in her suite in the Waldorf Astoria Towers.

"How can the head of one government ask the head of another government to interfere in domestic affairs?" she asked rhetorically.

The report Oct. 8 in the Washington Post quoted a US official in Islamabad as saying Benazir had asked Bush for help. The article also said her daughter's 10-month-old government was imperiled and her future "shaky."

Madame Bhutto is senior minister, a title roughly equivalent to deputy prime minister, and has taken her daughter's place as head of Pakistan's delegation to the UN General Assembly.

She also was elected to the National Assembly from two districts and conducts cabinet meetings in her daughter's absence.

Diplomatic observers have said the prime minister decided not to attend the UN session because of political troubles at home.

But Nusrat has been in the United States on her daughter's behalf to counter these charges. She also wants to get Pakistani businessmen living abroad to invest at home and create more jobs.

Tropical storm Dan pummelled Manila and southern Luzon province Wednesday with 100-kilometre-per-hour (60-mile) winds, killing at least 18 people, injuring 55 and forcing nearly 90,000 to flee their homes. (See Page 2)

Bid to put talks back on track

TAIF, Oct. 11, (Reuters): Arab mediators tried today to put Lebanese parliamentary talks back on track, meeting the deputies whose sessions had been suspended for lack of progress.

The caretaker speaker of Lebanon's Parliament, Hussein Al Hussein, suspended a working group of 17 deputies yesterday because of a wide gap between Muslims and Christian on Arab proposals to reduce the powers of Lebanon's Maronite Christian President.

Deputies said the Arab mediators had helped diminish a sense of crisis in the talks being held in Taif, Saudi Arabia, to map out the future of Lebanon.

They added that Hussein and the foreign ministers of the Arab mediators - Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia - had been meeting them today in an attempt to bring the talks to a quick and successful conclusion.

The ministers would see the working group together this evening, they added.

The deputies, now in their 12th day in the mountain town of Taif, abandoned full sessions last week when they reached deadlock on the timetable for a Syrian troop withdrawal from Lebanon.

The deputies are examining a "charter for national reconciliation" drafted by the Arab mediators as the basis for a permanent settlement after 14 years of intermittent civil war.

On Wednesday, they repeated that despite the delays they were determined to go back to Beirut with an agreement.

"If the worst comes to the worst, we might amend the parts of the charter where we agree and leave the controversial parts as they stand," one deputy told Reuters.

Syria today warned that the Taif meeting marked the last chance to bring peace to Lebanon.

The official government newspaper Tishrin said the presence of Syria's estimated 33,000 troops in Lebanon was necessary to ensure stability and security there.



Schwarzkopf

Europe defends TV plan

BRUSSELS, Oct. 11. (AP) — Angered by American complaints, the European Community today insisted its plan to limit US and other foreign TV programmes was "perfectly compatible" with international trade rules.

A day earlier, US trade representative Carla Hills said the measure was "blatantly protectionist" and vowed to file a complaint challenging the policy with an international trade agency.

But a spokesman for the 12-nation trading bloc, who demanded anonymity, defended the move as legal and said the United States would do better under the new plan than with the current, fragmented broadcasting system in Europe.

Officials, he said, consider the measure "perfectly compatible" — I repeat perfectly compatible — with the international obligations of the community.

At issue is a decision made last week by European foreign ministers to press their local television stations to preserve "where practicable" a majority of air time for European-made entertainment programmes.

80 killed in Sri Lanka ahead of peace talks

COLOMBO, Oct. 11. (AP) — Police found the bodies of 80 Sinhalese youths bound and shot along a road in southern Sri Lanka today, a day before the final round of peace talks aimed at ending the ethnic fighting that has killed more than 16,000 people.

The bodies were found along a 35-kilometre (20-mile) stretch of road between the towns of Panadura and Mataguma in Kalutara district, 40 kilometres (25 miles) south of Colombo, said police officials.

The victims, all between age 18 and 30, had their hands tied behind their backs before they were shot to death, police said. The bodies, some of them burning, were found in groups of six or

eight, they said. No one claimed responsibility for the massacre, one of the worst this year. But authorities blamed pro-government death squads seeking revenge for the murder Monday of three Sinhalese soldiers in Kalutara district. Authorities claimed the People's Liberation Front, a leftist group trying to overthrow the

government, ambushed the soldiers while they were on patrol. Human rights groups and opposition politicians have alleged that vigilante groups are killing sympathizers of the front, an extremist Sinhalese group opposed to the government's efforts to negotiate peace with minority

Tamil guerrillas. President Ranasinghe Premadasa and his government have denied the charge and invited the International Committee of the Red Cross to monitor its human rights practices.

Officials have said an average of 25 people are killed each day in the battle between Sinhalese radicals, the military

and the death squads. Last month, Premadasa convened a peace conference of 21 of the country's 27 recognised political parties. Tamil guerrilla groups, including the largest and most militant, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, participated in the meeting. The radical Sinhalese group, however, boycotted the talks.



Typhoon's wrath

A bus shelter lies across a road at Manila's financial district in the Philippines after being knocked over by Typhoon Dan. (Reuter wirephoto)

Typhoon Dan wreaks havoc

MANILA, Oct. 11. (AP) — Tropical storm Dan pummeled Manila and southern Luzon province, today with 10-kilometre-per-hour (60-mile-per-hour) winds, killing at least 18 people, injuring 55 and forcing nearly 90,000 to flee their homes.

Up to 20 fishermen were feared missing after two fishing boats broke from their moorings and collided early today at a port in Batangas province, south of the capital, officials said.

Dan was the second killer storm to strike the Philippines in the last week. On Friday, typhoon Angela killed at least 118 people as it swept across the northern tip of the main Luzon island.

An average of 20 typhoons or tropical storms strike the Philippines each year. The new storm left five people dead in the Manila area, four in Marikina island, four in Laguna province, two in Cavite province, two in Batangas province and one in Quezon province. Nearly 90,000 people were evacuated to government relief centres, officials said.

In Batangas province, the coast guard said 10 people were rescued after the two fishing boats collided and sank at about 4 am (2000 GMT Tuesday) off Banaue, 80 kilometres (50 miles) south of Manila. There were conflicting reports of how many people were aboard the two vessels.

The coast guard also said a private yacht sank in Manila Bay but its eight crew members swam safely to shore.

At Manila's airport, Dan's winds pushed the Boeing 707 of visiting Omani Deputy Prime Minister Qais Al Zayani into the DC-10 that had brought Bangladesh President Hussain Muhammad Ershad to the country on Monday for a four-day visit.

A wing of the 707 struck one of the engines of Ershad's plane. Both aircraft were empty.

Al Zayani arrived yesterday for an unofficial, six-day visit and Ershad planned to depart tomorrow, as scheduled, aboard another DC-10 being sent from Bangladesh.

Dan, the 16th tropical storm or typhoon to hit the country this year, slammed late yesterday into Sorsogon province, on the southeastern tip of Luzon island. It raced across southern Luzon, passing just south of Manila before entering the South China Sea.

Trading was cancelled for the day on the Manila and Makati stock exchanges.

US Air Force officials at Clark Air Base, north of Manila, said Dan knocked off 80 per cent of the electricity in the camp's housing area.

About 95 per cent of the Manila area, which has a population of more than seven million, was without electricity as strong winds ripped down power lines.

Utility officials said it might take 24 hours to restore normal power.

President Corason Aquino ordered government offices in Manila to close today except for essential services.

Philippine Airlines cancelled 36 domestic flights and international service was disrupted. Officials also suspended train operations to repair railroad tracks damaged by Dan.

Classes at all schools were cancelled today in Manila.

Sen. Vincent Paterno called on the government today to declare a state of calamity in the affected areas to prevent profiteers from increasing prices of basic goods.

Japan opposition party implicated in new scandal

TOKYO, Oct. 11. (AP) — A Japanese legislator whose governing party still is smarting from an influence-peddling scandal asked Parliament today about charges the leading opposition party was swayed by gifts from a giant pinball industry.

"There have been allegations that some legislators have acted to protect the (Pachinko) industry while they were not supposed to do so," Koichi Hamada told the budget committee. "I will not name them right now, but the issue involves something to be called the second Recruit scandal," the member of the government Liberal Democratic Party said. Recruit Co. is an informa-

tion services conglomerate accused of trying to influence government policy by giving leading politicians and bureaucrats cut-price stock shares. Prosecutors have filed bribery charges in that case, which helped cause the governing party to lose its majority in Parliament's Upper House for the first time in 34 years in July elections. The Socialists gained most from their loss.

The justice minister told the budget committee he was aware of the allegations and assumed prosecutors were interested in the case.

Hamada was referring to accusations in the weekly magazine Shukan Bunshun that eight

Socialist Party members used their influence to soften legislation tightening regulations on Pachinko, a popular form of pinball in which winners receive prizes. The magazine said the eight received donations from a national association of Pachinko parlour owners, ranging from 200,000 to 500,000 yen (\$1,400 to 3,500).

Tsuruo Yamaguchi, Socialist Party secretary-general, has acknowledged that some party members received gifts from the association but insists all were legal, including 4.5 million yen (\$31,000) for party chairwoman Takako Doi.



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Aga Khan Awards Eleven projects honoured

CAIRO, Oct. 11. (AP) — Eleven diverse projects from the Middle East, Asia and Europe will share \$500,000 as winners of the 1989 Aga Khan Award honouring excellence in architectural design.

The awards were honoured Wednesday at the Geneva-based Aga Khan Trust for Culture. Winning projects range from restoration of a historic mosque in Lebanon, to renovation of a school in Tunisia, to revitalisation of an Indonesian slum, to construction of a major Islamic centre on Paris' left bank.

The Aga Khan, spiritual leader of Ismaili Muslims, established the competition 12 years ago to express his interest in preserving Islamic heritage. Honourees are chosen every three years by a special panel of judges from entries completed within the past 25 years and used for at least two years.

President Hosni Mubarak's wife Suzanne and the Aga Khan will preside at Sunday night's award ceremony inside the massive walls of Saladin's citadel overlooking Cairo.

● Restoration of the Great Omari Mosque, Sidon, Lebanon, dating to the late 13th century and badly damaged during the 1982 Israeli invasion.

● Rehabilitation of Asilah, Morocco, dating from Phoenician times and restored largely by its inhabitants.

● The Grameen Bank housing programme in Bangladesh, a co-operative association whose loans to the landless poor has resulted in almost 45,000 new houses and the money repaid.

● Citra Niaga urban development, Samarinda East Kalimantan, Indonesia, a housing project that transformed a former slum area into a livable city.

● Gurel summer residence, Canakkale, Turkey, "blending the needs of a family with its environment."

● Hayy Assafarat and Al Kindi Plaza, projects in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's diplomatic quarter considered "models for cities in Islamic and Arab societies."

● Sidi El Aloui Primary School, Tunis, Tunisia, developed by a group of citizens as an alternative to standard government designs.

● Corniche Mosque, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, "a small mosque showing architectural skill."

● The Saudi Foreign Ministry in Riyadh, a "fortress-like monument using traditional architecture."

● Bangladesh's Nation Assembly building in Dhaka, "an influential building that has become a symbol of democracy."

● Institut du Monde Arabe, Paris, overlooking Notre Dame cathedral on the left bank of the Seine, a "grand project bridges the Arab and French cultures."

'Man of mystery' fined \$200,000

NEWARK, New Jersey, Oct. 11. (UPI) — A Pakistani millionaire was ordered to pay a \$200,000 fine for his part in a hashish smuggling deal and given a suspended prison term by a federal judge who described him as a "man of mystery."

Abdul Wali, who claims to be supplying arms to Afghan rebels, has already spent 21/2 years in US prisons since he was extradited from the Netherlands in 1986. He pleaded guilty in August to conspiring to smuggle hashish into the United States after an earlier conviction was overturned on appeal.

"Whether you are an international drug dealer or an Afghan freedom fighter is unknown," said US district judge

Alfred Wolin. "To this court you are a man of mystery, but you stand before this court as a convicted felon, who, but for the grace of a trial error, would be serving 15 years."

Wolin imposed a 10-year sentence but suspended it, ordering Wali to serve five years probation. The judge also ordered Wali to pay the \$200,000 fine within 30 days.

The judge said he agreed to a non-custodial sentence, because Wali has already spent substantial time in prison.

Wali, who owns a house in Malibu, California, was born on the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan and has a Pakistani passport, his lawyer, Alan Zegas, said.

US will maintain presence

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Responding to a question on how he feels about the re-registration of Kuwaiti tankers, he said that the decision by the American administration to accept Kuwait's request was definitely in the right direction.

"I think that one of the great political decisions under the Reagan administration was to reflag the ships in the Gulf," said the American general.

He added, "I think the US demonstrated to the world and certainly to the nations in the Gulf that if our friends needed our help we would come to their help."

On the presence of American troops in the Gulf, Schwarzkopf stressed that the US will continue to have a military presence in the

Gulf, a policy he said started in the Forties.

"My plans are to make sure that I continue to maintain whatever is necessary in this part of the world so that in the event we need help over here again and we're asked to come in we can very quickly re-introduce forces into the area," he said.

He added, "we don't intend to pull out of the Gulf completely... we will keep our presence in the Gulf to the minimum level that we feel is necessary in order to maintain stability in this area."

The US will hold joint manoeuvres next month with three Arab countries, it was announced here today.

Schwarzkopf said that joint manoeuvres with Egypt, Oman and Jordan will take place separately next month.

Developing new missile

LONDON, Oct. 11. (Kuna)

Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff General Mirza Aslam Baig has revealed that his armed forces are developing a new missile with a 600-km range, although "it is not sophisticated in terms of guidance system because we do not have the technology."

In an interview with Jane's Defence Weekly published here today, he added that his country was continuing the missile development programme and it had tested last February a missile with a range of 300 km.

The Pakistani chief of army staff pointed out that both "the nuclear option and missiles act as a deterrent and this in turn contribute to the total fighting ability of the army."

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Gag in jogger rape trial

NEW YORK, Oct. 11, (AP) — The judge in the case of a jogger who was raped and nearly beaten to death in Central Park issued a gag order yesterday at a hearing on whether the teen-age defendants' statements may be used as trial evidence.

Six young men are charged with the April 19 rape and attempted murder of a 28-year-old investment banker who was taking her nightly jog in the park. She suffered severe brain damage and still has partial amnesia, but is undergoing rehabilitation and has offered to testify.

At the request of the prosecution, state

Supreme Justice Thomas Galligan ordered lawyers in the case not to divulge any material brought out at the hearing that prosecutors intend to use as evidence.

Assistant district attorney Elizabeth Lederer, complaining about leaks to the news media, told Galligan the material contained the names of juveniles and other witnesses she plans to call, as well as other information that could compromise the investigation if revealed.

A seventh teen is charged with attacking two male joggers and robbing them. He is not charged with rape.

An eighth youth, Jermaine Robinson, 15, has pleaded guilty to robbery in connection with attacks on the male runners and is expected to testify against the others in exchange for a one-year sentence and youthful offender status.

The pretrial hearing is on whether to suppress written and videotaped statements to police in which most of the youths implicate their codefendants.

Colin Moore, lawyer for Kharry Wise, 17, said police kept his client away from parents, counsel and food for hours before extracting a statement.

Court rules against anti-nuclear groups

Fault delays shuttle launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Oct. 11, (AP) — NASA has postponed the launch of space shuttle Atlantis because of a faulty master control system in one of the spaceship's three main engines.

The flight had been scheduled for Thursday. Officials said yesterday the launch could be rescheduled for as early as Monday, but they would not have a definite date for a day or two.

The countdown, which began Monday, was halted.

The delay was announced shortly after a federal judge in Washington rejected a request by three anti-nuclear groups that the launch be

scrubbed because Atlantis was to carry a plutonium-powered planetary spacecraft bound for Jupiter.

Launch director Bob Sieck said engineers had tested the suspect master controller for several hours without determining why it had given a false signal during a check Monday night.

Sieck said the controller was being replaced.

Earlier, officials had said that changing the controller would mean a delay of about a week. But officials said the task might be accomplished sooner and Sieck said, "we expect to have a new launch date in the next couple of days."

Earlier on Tuesday, US district judge Oliver Gash in Washington had cleared the way for launch preparations to proceed.

Anti-nuclear groups had asked in oral arguments that the launch be scrubbed on grounds that radioactive plutonium 238 particles would spread over east-central Florida if Atlantis exploded. The plutonium is in two nuclear-powered generators that provide electricity for the Galileo spacecraft that five astronauts are to dispatch to Jupiter.

"The court concludes that NASA has complied with requirements of the national environmental protection act," Gash said.

Never before had a court been asked to stop a space launch.

Justice Department attorneys representing NASA had replied that the \$1.5 billion, six-year Galileo mission to Jupiter presented "very low risks" and that the two nuclear generators aboard the probe were well shielded and similar to 38 that have flown on 22 previous space missions.

"We're going to attempt to put people on the launch pad if the court doesn't prevent the launch," Bruce Gagnon, co-ordinator of the Florida coalition for peace and justice, one of the three groups that filed suit, said earlier.

After hearing the judge's ruling, he said, "on our side we're sad because the court didn't rule in our favour, but on the other side we feel that we've succeeded in bringing the issue to the public."

Red spot getting darker Jupiter in wild mood

PASADENA, California, Oct. 11, (AP) — Jupiter's weather is doing "wild things" as its great red spot gets redder after a huge cloud belt changed colour, scientists said yesterday as NASA prepared to send the Galileo spacecraft to the giant planet.

The spot — a hurricane almost twice earth's size that faded to dim grey in 1976 — has been returning gradually to its brick red colour after astronomers noticed the 6,200-mile-wide (9,900-km-wide) southern equatorial belt started changing from brown to white in July.

Scientists study weather on Jupiter and other planets to understand earth's climate, said Rita Beebe, a New Mexico state university astronomer who watches Jupiter's weather using a 24-inch (61-cm) telescope at the school's Tortugas mountain observatory near Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Galileo will examine Jupiter's vast storms and jet stream-belt belts when it arrives in 1995 at the solar system's largest planet, which is 11 times wider than earth and 318 times heavier.

NASA had hoped to launch space shuttle Atlantis on Thursday carrying Galileo into earth orbit, where it will be deployed on its flight to Jupiter. The launch was

threatened by delays because of a shuttle engine problem and a lawsuit by environmentalists worried about Galileo's plutonium-powered electrical generators.

Jupiter "is a dynamical, neat place to look at. It's changing and doing wild things on a huge scale," Beebe said by phone from Las Cruces.

The great red spot, which is at least 350 years old and measures about 12,400 miles (19,950 kms) east to west and 6,200 miles (9,960 kms) north to south, is continuing to get redder and about six months from now "will settle down as a beautiful oval red spot," she said.

The darkening of the spot is being caused by the changing colour of the southern equatorial belt, which sits just north of the spot, she said.

"Jupiter went behind the sun (last spring) and when it reappeared in July, amateur astronomers noticed the band had faded dramatically," said Stephen O'Meara, an associate editor at Sky and Telescope magazine in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The belt is one of several atmospheric bands encircling Jupiter. The bands, called belts and zones, are shaped and separated by high-speed winds similar to earth's jet streams.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11, (AP) — The Hindu goddess Durga in the Yamuna river in Delhi on Oct. 10. The festival known as Durga Puja is held each year



Durga triumphs over evil

Worshippers immerse a likeness of the Hindu goddess Durga in the Yamuna river in Delhi on Oct. 10. The festival known as Durga Puja is held each year

'The Rite Of Spring' Ballet still shocks audience

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11, (AP) — Vaslav Nijinsky's "The Rite Of Spring," the revolutionary ballet that provoked a riot at its Paris premiere 76 years ago, is showing the jaded world of the 1980s that it can still shock an audience.

When the Joffrey ballet presented its revival of the long-lost Nijinsky masterpiece, set to Igor Stravinsky's jarringly primitive score, about 50 spectators stalked silently out of the Kennedy Centre opera house during Friday's opening-night performance.

Choreographed by the legendary Nijinsky, the ballet received

a far more tumultuous reception at its Theatre des Champs-Elysees debut in Paris on May 29, 1913.

Then, the audience erupted in catcalls, whistles and bawling animal sounds when the dancers of the ballets Russes de Monte Carlo, standing hunched and pigeon-toed, began stomping obsessively to Stravinsky's frenzied rhythms as they carried out the ancient Slavic ritual of a maiden's sacrifice for the renewal of spring.

Fistfights broke out, dowagers shrieked and impresario Serge Diaghilev was pelted with fruit

when he stood in the balcony to plead for order. The uproar drowned out conductor Pierre Monteux's musicians. And Nijinsky stood on a chair in the wings furiously shouting cues to the dancers.

Nijinsky's triumph shattered classical ballet traditions and marked the violent birth of modern dance.

The Joffrey's recreation of the original "Le Sacre Du Printemps" ("The Rite Of Spring"), which was abandoned after only eight performances in Paris and London in 1913, had its world premiere two years ago.

BANGKOK: Rock star Billy Idol

ramaged through the suites of three luxury hotels in Thailand during a recent visit and paid thousands of dollars for the wreckage, hotel officials said.

"We could hear the destruction going on in the room. It made a terrible noise," said Chana Kudyath, front office manager at the seaside Royal Cliff Hotel in Pattaya.

Idol also reportedly trashed rooms in two Bangkok hotels during his September vacation in Thailand, according to Chana and another hotel manager.

Chana said officials at the Royal Cliff tried to stop Idol, but a friend insisted he be left alone. The friend "assured us that Idol would pay for the damages in full," the manager said.

Idol later paid \$11,200 for damage to his three-bedroom suite, which included a smashed television set, shattered sliding windows, and hacked teakwood furniture, according to Chana.

He also paid \$3,200 for damages to Bangkok's Oriental Hotel and \$6,000 for damages to the Royal Orchid Sheraton in Bangkok, according to Chana and a spokesman for the Oriental. (AP)

Man critical after 12-storey fall Miraculous survival

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 11, (Reuters) — A worker installing lights in a medical building here fell 12 stories and survived yesterday.

Troy Livingston, 24, was in very critical condition with broken bones and internal injuries, a hospital spokesman said.

Livingston fell seven stories inside the building, crashed through a glass ceiling into an atrium, struck a man sitting on a second-story mezzanine and then fell another three stories into the basement, police said.

Livingston survived partly because the glass ceiling and striking the man helped to break his fall, police said.

KANSAS CITY: A con man who

wood women with false tales of his exploits as the nation's youngest major-general and his work for the CIA was sentenced to 15 months' psychiatric treatment in a prison hospital yesterday.

US district judge Earl O'Connor ordered Robert Lyons, 35, to undergo treatment at a medical centre in Springfield, Missouri, or Rochester, Minnesota.

Lyons was also fined \$500 and placed on probation for one year. He faced up to three years in prison and \$250,000 in fines.

Lyons pleaded guilty in July to falsely impersonating a federal officer.

"I'm sorry for this episode and the entire train of events," the water purification salesman told the judge. He said he had repeatedly sought counseling.

Authorities said Lyons showed acquaintances a publication called the Pentagon Gazette with a cover picture of him in an army shirt with general's stars. The newsletter claimed to be a special-edition tribute to one of Washington's well-known, best-kept secrets.

The US Defence Department also is referred to as the Pentagon.

His guilty plea was in connection with a story he had told a girlfriend — that he was an army general working for the CIA and the national security council and that he needed \$1,000 to get out of the CIA. The woman gave him a cheque on Jan 31.

Assistant US attorney Lene Patton said Lyons' tale came unraveled when Lyons told his girlfriend that he had been convicted in the Iran-Contra arms deal, had lost his military retirement and that because of the possibility of terrorist attack he was under the protection of the secret service. (AP)

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia is

going all out to welcome Queen Elizabeth II and other dignitaries due here for the Commonwealth summit.

The Queen will be given a specially wrought silver jewellery box with gold-plated trimmings as an official souvenir of her four-day visit, which begins on Saturday. Her husband, Prince Philip, will be presented with a carved rattan "Tongkat" or walking stick with a silver- and gold-plated hilt.

A team of 35 designers and craftsmen have been working since April on 3,200 presents for delegations from 46 nations and the 1,500 journalists expected at the meetings Oct 18-24.

The heads of government will each get a traditional going, a pen holder and a rose bowl, all of silver, and their spouses will get silver music boxes.

Seven tons of wood from rubber trees has been used to make the huge conference table and chairs for the heads of government, while bamboo and rattan furniture decorate the lounges where leaders and delegates will rest. (AP)

CHARLESTON, West Virginia: Dogs, gerbils and even a ferret

got special prayers and their owners sang "Bless The Beasts And The Children" during a special service organised by animal welfare groups.

"I've done a lot of unusual things. This is one of them," the Rev. Tom Young said of the service on Sunday for about 30 animals at a city park.

Two other ministers also participated in the service, organised in celebration of the Oct 4 feast day of St Francis, the patron saint of nature and animals.

"They were mostly dogs and some gerbils," said Young, a Presbyterian minister. "There also was one ferret."

Young said the service was a "recognition of the fact that the animals are a part of God's creation."

Kathy Boland of Charleston brought ragamuffin, her toy fox terrier.

"He's getting old," she said. "I feel his blessing will help." (AP)

MEMPHIS, Tennessee: The connection between barbecue and global politics may seem tenuous at best, until it is described by a man planning to take his travelling outdoor cooking contest to the Soviet Union.

"Like turning swords into plowshares, we say, 'turn missiles into barbecue pits,'" said bar owner Silly Sullivan, who has promoted barbecue contests in Ireland and Thailand and has his sights now on Estonia, one of the Baltic states in the Soviet Union.

The idea began to take root in September when a cooking team from Estonia showed up at a barbecue (outdoor grilling) party Sullivan has organised in Lisdoonvarna, Ireland, for the past five years.

SACRAMENTO, California, Oct. 11, (UPI):

A woman posing as a hospital worker kidnapped a newborn baby from the room of his Asian immigrant mother, police reported yesterday.

The mother told officers through an interpreter that the woman took her 6-pound, 6-ounce (2.99 kg) baby after 10 pm Monday when nurses were changing shifts at Mercy General Hospital, Lt. Ken Walker said.

The hospital reported the abduction to police after a nurse saw that the baby wasn't in his crib.

"When the mother was asked about where the baby was, she indicated that the woman was dressed in a yellow hospital gown," said hospital spokeswoman Jerr Ewen. "She said she came in and said it was time for the baby's feeding. The mother let her go."

The kidnapper was described as a white or Hispanic woman in her late 30s, weighing 140 to 150 pounds (64 to 68 kg), and at least 5-foot-3 inches (1.62 m). She wore a black and white horizontal-striped shirt, black pants and black tennis shoes under the smock.

The infant, less than a day old, was wearing a long-sleeved white hospital T-shirt and a little hat. Ewen said the distraught mother of "Baby Thao" was with family members, and that the abduction was the first ever at Mercy General. The family asked that full names be withheld.

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Cicciolina plea for love-making parks

GENOA, Oct. 11, (UPI) — Ilona Staller, the Hungarian-born porno cabaret star who was elected to the Italian Parliament in 1987, has called for a law creating special guarded parking places for couples who want to make love in their cars, her associates said yesterday.

The aim of the proposed law would be to protect couples "desiring intimacy" from attacks by maniacs, which have been frequent in Italy in recent years.

Staller, 38, who likes to be known by her stage name "Cicciolina" (cuddly girl), submitted her proposal to Interior Minister Antonio Gava in the wake of an attack by an unidentified maniac last week on a couple parked in their car on the outskirts of Genoa.

But in her letter to the interior minister, Staller referred to "the long sequence of crimes committed by the so-called Monster of Florence," her associates said.

Between 1968 and 1985, the unidentified "monster" murdered 16 men and women — mostly double murders — who were parked in cars or camping in isolated places in the countryside outside Florence. Years of investigation have failed to lead to a conviction.

The letter said that in face of a phenomenon "that risks assuming alarming proportions" there should be "a preventive measure that is technically feasible" — the creation of special parking places, guarded by police, in the countryside near big cities.

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Ability of picked envoys in question

WASHINGTON, Oct 11, (AP): Diplomats who have spent their careers with the US foreign service have a new weapon against political appointees who may have much to give to election campaigns but little to international diplomacy.

The career diplomats' union is using newly released State Department documents in a bid to bolster its claim that some nominees for ambassadorships are unqualified.

The American Foreign Service Association filed suit about a month ago to obtain the documents. Last week, the State Department handed over 51 "certificates of competence" of ambassadorial nominees.

In filing the suit, the diplomats had said the State Department was abusing a "confidential" classification to avoid embarrassment because the certificates could not conceal the lack of qualifications of some nominees.

The career diplomats have complained for years about what they regard as a tendency by American presidents to choose diplomatic nominees at the expense of foreign service professionals.

While some political appointees, including the former ambassador to Japan, Mike Mansfield, have excelled, others have been an embarrassment, career diplomats say. One frequently cited example is a former ambassador to a Caribbean country who often spent evening hours on his luxury boat, using the sail as a screen for showing his collection of pornographic movies.

The State Department had repeatedly refused to comment on the substance of the association's complaint, although department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler noted last month that president Nixon went outside the diplomatic service when he chose George Bush as United Nations ambassador in 1970.

A 1980 law says ambassadorial nominees should be knowledgeable about all aspects of the country of their assignment and that political campaign contributions "should not be a factor" in the selection process.

One example cited by the diplomats group was Joseph Zappala, a Florida developer who was nominated to be ambassador to Spain after reportedly donating \$126,000 to the Republican Party last year.

ATF investigators were on their way to investigate a bomb blast about 24 hours earlier on the opposite side of the gymnasium, which shares a hall with the auditorium. They arrived minutes after the second explosion.

Peterson offered no motive for the bombings and said it was too soon to say for certain whether the attacks were connected. He said the precise type of bomb used on Monday was not known.

US card Green to pink

WASHINGTON, Oct 11, (Reuters): The United States began issuing a new style of resident alien card yesterday, replacing the much-sought "green card" with a pink one.

The card, officially known as an alien registration receipt card, establishes an alien's permanent resident status and right to work in the United States.

Prospective employers can check the card as both evidence of employment eligibility and proof of identity and people have been known to go to great lengths, including marriage and forgery, to obtain the cards.

The government said the format changes update the 50-year-old document to take advantage of technological innovations.

Colombia forces accused of killings

Journalist shot dead

LONDON, Oct 11, (UPI): Armed forces and paramilitary groups in Colombia have killed unarmed civilians on an unprecedented scale over the past 16 months, often in alliance with alleged drugs traffickers, Amnesty International said in a report released today.

The world-wide human-rights organisation warned that human-rights violations committed by the Colombian armed forces and other groups should not be overlooked as the world focuses on the drugs crisis in that country.

Colombia, with US backing, recently began a major war on drugs. In the past 16 months, Amnesty said about 2,500 Colombians were victims of extrajudicial executions by the armed forces and groups helping them or acting on their orders. Another 250 people disappeared after being taken into custody, the Amnesty report said.

Since 1985, sectors of the armed forces have increasingly allied themselves with drug bosses, using their armed groups to carry out political killings despite a declared government offensive against the drug trade, Amnesty said.

Amnesty said it documented more than 30 group killings in 1988, in which a total of 350 people died. Colombian human-rights groups have put the number of killings involving groups of five or more victims at more than 70 that year, according to Amnesty's report.

On Nov 11, 1988, 43 people were killed in the town of Segovia by a group of heavily armed men, some of whom were reportedly wearing camouflage uniforms and hoods, who had driven into the gold mining town in pickup trucks.

A preliminary civilian judicial investigation into the massacre found that the army and police were directly responsible for attack, which Amnesty said was apparently directed against supporters of the opposition group Union Patriótica.

The night before the slayings were committed, the commander of the local army battalion had prepared a leaflet, which was pushed under residents' doors, warning them of the death squads, Amnesty said.

In a landmark decision in January 1989, the Supreme Court overruled a military court's claim of jurisdiction in the case and handed it back to the civilian court.

Most cases that result in the identification of armed forces personnel are passed to the military court system, which Amnesty said has failed to conduct impartial proceedings or to arrest police and military personnel who have committed human-rights violations.

Meanwhile, drug traffickers have claimed responsibility for killing an administrator and circulation manager of a crusading anti-drug newspaper and threatened to kill the rest of its Medellín staff.

A magazine journalist and four other people also were gunned down late last night in Medellín, Colombia's cocaine trafficking capital.

The killings in Medellín followed 13 bombings in three other Colombian cities late Monday and early Tuesday — the worst spate of attacks since the country's drug traffickers began open warfare with the government nearly two months ago.

Last month, a car bomb exploded outside the main offices in Bogotá of the 102-year-old El Espectador newspaper, injuring scores of bystanders and causing extensive damage.

In a telephone call to El Espectador yesterday, a man said a group called The Extraditables would kill the 11 members of the paper's Medellín staff if they did not leave the city in three days, an editor at the paper said. The staff includes journalists, secretaries and administrative workers.

Speaking of money-laundering, Mitterrand said: "Money which is too easily earned and that can be easily covered up has forced us to investigate the entire network (of drug-trafficking)." "Even so-called honourable institutions in Europe are making a living from receiving and using this money," the socialist President added, but gave no details.

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Red alert

Peruvian policemen patrol the area near the place where the presidents of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela will meet for two days beginning Oct 11. Thousands of

soldiers and police were drafted into the desert resort town, 300 km south of Lima, because of the threat of leftist guerrillas. (Reuter wirephoto)

War laws in Panama

Noriega foes get US help

Asylum offered

PANAMA CITY, Oct 11, (Agencies): A week after a failed coup against strongman General Manuel Antonio Noriega, the Panamanian government yesterday announced emergency "war laws" it said were needed to confront US aggression.

Earlier, a Panamanian Army officer arrested after the coup attempt was buried yesterday after dying in detention in unexplained circumstances, relatives said.

Captain Nicasio Lorenzo's relatives said they had no official information on his death except a certificate stating he had died of asphyxiation.

Lorenzo, 37, of the military intelligence unit G-2 was one of 37 soldiers listed detained after the aborted coup.

The emergency laws announced yesterday regulate freedom of association, freeze public sector pay and allow public servants to be fired for anti-state activities.

"With these measures ... the national government firmly confronts the aggression which our country is being subjected to by the US government," an official statement said.

It added that public sector salaries were being frozen until further notice and that an annual one-month bonus to civil servants was being suspended.

Noriega, Panama's army commander and de facto ruler, called for emergency laws to cover economic, labour and frontier security following last week's coup attempt, which he blamed on the United States.

Authorities said 10 soldiers were killed in fierce fighting between rebels and forces loyal to Noriega.

Lorenzo's mother-in-law, America Torres, said the family refused to believe rumours that Lorenzo hanged himself in prison. "We will try to fight as much as we are able, if we have life to do it, to cleanse this ignominy," she told Reuters.

Lorenzo's wife, Luz Elaine de Lorenzo, told reporters her husband was "a man of peace, of love, incapable of doing any-

thing against his life or against anybody."

A spokesman for the Panamanian Defence Forces said he had no information about how Lorenzo died.

Coup leader Major Moises Giroldi was buried on Monday as relatives and opposition leaders questioned how he and other rebels died.

The government, announcing the emergency measures, said it had a responsibility to safeguard the economy and national security in the face of arbitrary US aggression.

It said the government had drawn up a decree regulating

citizens' right of association but gave no details.

A government spokesman said further emergency measures could be announced by individual ministries.

The United States imposed economic sanctions against Panama after Noriega was indicted on US drug-trafficking charges in February 1988.

A prominent human rights activist said as many as 77 Panamanian rebels may have been killed trying to oust Gen. Manuel Noriega last week, contradicting government claims that only 10 rebels were slain.

Hayes said the most important task is to slow the rate of global warming by shifting the world from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources over 20 years.

The goals of Earth Day 1990 will include a ban on chlorofluorocarbons, halting the export of toxic wastes and dangerous pesticides to the Third World, reducing acid rain by 80 per cent and creating a strong international agency with the authority to protect the atmosphere and oceans.

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Save mother earth crusade

LONDON, Oct 11, (UPI): A veteran crusader for the environment yesterday added Britons to the million "footsoldiers" he wants to demonstrate on international Earth Day 1990 in defence of the planet.

Denis Hayes, who dropped out of Harvard law school to organise the first Earth Day in 1970, is travelling around the world to seek support for the event.

"The earth is on the verge of a breakdown," Hayes said. "The time to act is now. Millions of footsoldiers are needed if we are to save the planet."

He encouraged representatives of about 30 environmental groups meeting at the London ecology centre to organise demonstrations on April 22, 1990, when he wants 100 million people in more than 100 countries to stage the world's biggest demonstration.

"What we would like to have come out of it is to launch the 1990s as the decade of the environment," Hayes said. "It will be too late after the year 2000."

In 1970, people were concerned about garbage piling up, air pollution and poisoned rivers catching fire, said the chairman of the California-based Earth Day 1990 committee.

Today they are worried about "transnational issues" such as global warming, acid rain, ozone depletion, toxic wastes, expanding deserts and shrinking forests, Hayes said.

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Preserving Antarctica

Park idea fizzling out

PARIS, Oct 11, (Reuters): The United States and Britain yesterday said they would oppose French and Australian proposals to declare Antarctica a world park if it meant abandoning a 1988 agreement on mining regulations.

Other delegates to the Antarctic treaty talks — which began on Monday with a French plea for a nature reserve to protect the region's fragile environment — said there was little early support for the world park.

Ecologists say the Paris meeting should agree a total mining ban.

But Tucker Scully, chief US negotiator at the talks, told reporters the US believed last year's Wellington Convention on mineral exploitation was the toughest that nations could agree.

"If the (nature) reserve is a device to replace the Wellington Convention then no, I don't support it," he said.

The Wellington Convention would give each country with long-term scientific interests in the region a veto power over mining applications if that country feared the application might fail

to meet environmental safeguards.

French Prime Minister Michel Rocard avoided any mention of mining when he opened the 11-day conference, apparently to avoid an open clash on the issue.

But Australia has spelt out its support for a total prospecting ban. "We are against regulated or unregulated mining," said Alan Brown, Australia's chief delegate.

The minerals convention, agreed in June 1988 after six years of talks, is not officially scheduled for discussion in Paris.

Waxman has proposed phasing in a second stage that sets exhaust emission standards the car industry opposed because it is likely to raise the cost of cars by several hundred dollars.

The administration says it does not care which fuels are approved, as long as they burn more cleanly than petrol. But the odds seem stacked in favour of methanol made from natural gas.

"Fleet vehicles and buses. That market will be ours," boasts American Gas Association president Bud Lawrence.

Environmental protection agency administrator William Reilly told a Senate hearing last month that

Americans will learn to like methanol since it not only pollutes less, but gives cars more power. He barely mentioned the other alternatives.

Wearing drivers away from petrol will be no easy task. Americans buy an average of 303 million gallons (1.2 billion litres) of petrol each day, releasing thousands of pounds (kg) of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, polluting the air and contributing to the greenhouse effect that many scientists believe is warming the earth at a worrying rate.

The mood in Washington has set alarm bells ringing in the oil refining industry, which is not about to let billions of dollars in investments and profits go down the drain.

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Blacks seek clear word on apartheid

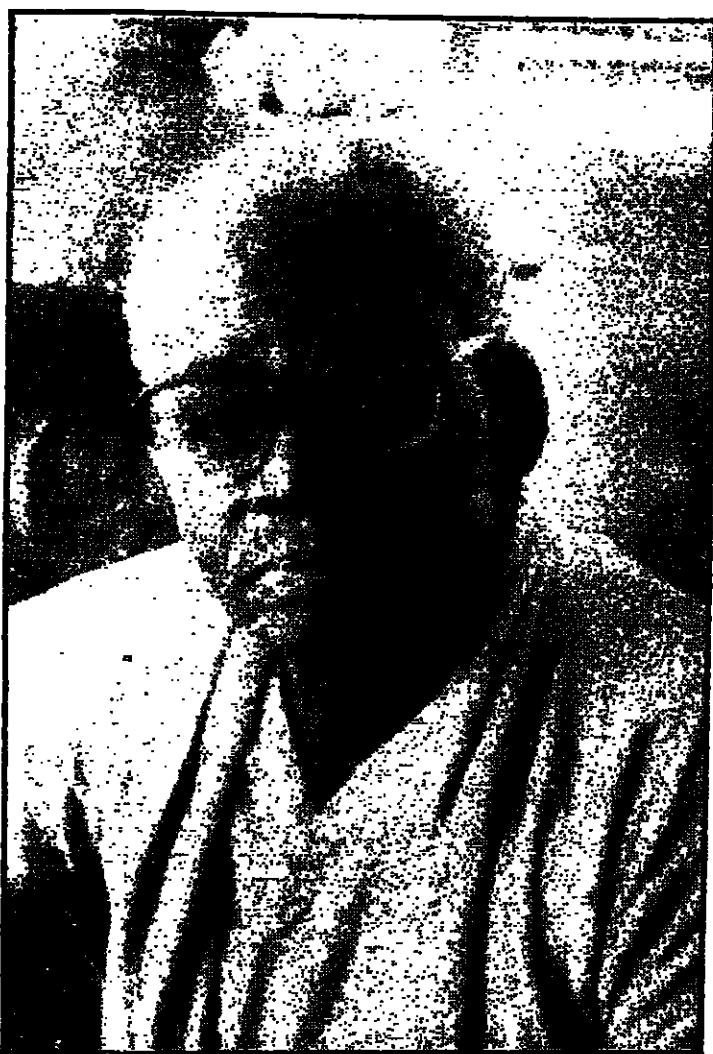
De Klerk in crucial talks

PRETORIA, Oct 11. (Agencies): Three prominent anti-apartheid leaders met today with President F.W. de Klerk to determine if his decision to free eight political prisoners would lead to a breakthrough in South Africa's racial conflict.

Neither de Klerk nor the activists, led by Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, commented prior to the meeting at the President's office in Pretoria. Statements were expected after the talks, the first between de Klerk and militant black leaders since he took office in mid-August.

Praise

There was widespread praise in South Africa and abroad for de Klerk's announcement last night that the government would free the prisoners, including seven leaders of the outlawed African National Congress. But anti-apartheid leaders said the step was not enough to create a climate of negotiation with the black majority.



Oldest prisoner

South Africa's oldest political prisoner, Oscar Mpethe photographed this year on the day before his 80th birthday. His release with seven other political prisoners was announced on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

"What is the use of releasing them when we still have a state of emergency and when our organisations are still banned," the Rev. Allan Boesak told a rally last night.

"Eight is not enough with detainees and political prisoners, including Nelson Mandela, still being held hostage," said Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Mandela, the most popular black leader in South Africa, is widely expected to be released within the next few months.

Mandela

Boesak, Tutu and the Rev. Frank Chikane, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, said prior to meeting de Klerk they would renew their call for tougher economic sanctions unless the President gave a clear commitment to end apartheid and move toward a non-racial democracy.

They called for Mandela's freedom, legalising the ANC and other banned organisations and lifting of restrictions on many black leaders who are not in prison.

Government-run radio acknowledged in an editorial today the prisoners to be freed have a constituency among South Africa's black majority and need to be part of negotiations.

Where Walter Sisulu, Oscar Mpethe and others are recognised by some communities in South Africa as their authentic leaders—and if they, too, subscribe to democratic and peaceful objectives—there is a need for them to be placed in a position where they can make a contribution to the debate on just how a future South Africa should look," Radio South Africa said.



Those were the days

Veteran South African anti-apartheid leader Walter Sisulu, whose release was announced Tuesday, hugs fellow activist Amina Cachalia in picture which was taken before he was jailed 26 years ago. (Reuters wirephoto)

C'wealth to prepare Rights blueprint

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 11. (AP): Leaders of the Commonwealth nations, meeting in Kuala Lumpur next week, will work out a blueprint to promote human rights, an official of the Commonwealth secretariat said today.

The Commonwealth's human rights division now has just two officials at the secretariat in London, doing such work as circulating information to member nations on what human rights laws other members have adopted. Patsy Robertson, the secretariat's director of information, said at a National Press Club lunch.

Last week, Ahmad Kamil Jaafar, secretary-general of the Malaysian Foreign Ministry, told reporters that human rights meant different things to different people, and Malaysia was prepared to discuss the issue at the 46-nation summit, which is scheduled Oct 18-24.

Malaysia and Singapore are among Commonwealth nations that have security laws allowing a person to be arrested and held without trial, indefinitely if authorities deem it necessary. Amnesty International and other human rights organisations have criticised these laws.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has said he was not prepared to dismantle the Internal Security Act, which the British left behind when Malaysia gained independence in 1957. He called the law necessary to maintain security and peace.

But when he became prime minister in July 1981, he ordered a review. There now are about 60 people being held without trial under the act, compared with about 550 when he took office.

Robertson said summit topics would include South Africa and its apartheid, or racial separation policies. She said she expected nations to call for more financial sanctions against South Africa, such as asking major banks not to extend the period of old loans.



Change coming

The exiled Dalai Lama, who last week was awarded the Nobel peace prize, yesterday predicted significant change in China within the next two years.

"Totalitarian government is against human nature," the 14th Dalai Lama told the Commonwealth Club of California.

Because of the advanced age of China's current leaders, he said, "I think the next two years will see further positive change."

Speaking to an audience of about 1,000, the Dalai Lama made no reference to Beijing's denunciation of the award of the peace prize to him. Tibetans have repeatedly revolted since the Chinese annexed their country in 1959.

China has protested formally to Norway over the award of the Nobel peace prize to the "political gangster" the Dalai Lama, the People's Daily reported today.

It said China's ambassador in Oslo, Li Baosheng, presented a protest on Monday which said Tibet was an inseparable part of China and no foreign government or organisation had any right to interfere.

The Dalai Lama shields his eyes from the sun as he arrives at Mount Taalpais to perform traditional Tibetan peace ceremony. (Reuters wirephoto)

Grenade throwing students

BEIJING, Oct 11. (AP): Beijing University freshmen will be taught how to shoot and throw hand grenades during their special yearlong military training programme beginning tomorrow an official newspaper said.

Camp and field training, marching in formation and basic military knowledge also are on the curriculum, the Guangming daily said today. It did not give details of the weapons training or say whether the students would use live ammunition.

Beijing University, whose students helped lead the crashed pro-democracy movement in the spring, announced over the summer that its freshmen calls would spend a full year in military training at the Army Academy in Shijiazhuang, nearly 300 kilometres (190 miles) south of Beijing.

However, university president Wu Shuqing said in an interview Saturday that he did not know if the programme would include weapons use.

He described it as an experiment that had been planned well before the pro-democracy protests, and said experience had shown that military training was beneficial to students. He did not respond to questions on how it benefited them.

Reduced

Most colleges already require one month of military training for their freshmen, but it is usually restricted to simple parade-ground drills.

The freshman class numbers just 800 this year, down from the 2,100 that had been planned before the protests and the June army crackdown. The state education commission, which decides enrollment, also has cut the freshman classes of other universities nationwide, apparently in an effort to better maintain control over the student body.

Wu said Beijing University's student population had grown too large for its facilities, but also next year's freshman class probably would be closer to the size of previous years.

Police break up violent protest

28 injured

TAIPEI, Oct 11. (AP): About 2,000 riot police swinging clubs and firing water cannon broke up a demonstration outside a jail today, and at least 28 people were injured, opposition leaders and police reported.

They said the injured included 14 members of the opposition Democratic Progressive Party and 14 policemen. Five people, including one policeman, were hospitalized with serious injuries.

But protest leaders said they believed the number of those injured was much higher as many supporters failed to report their injuries. They estimated about 50 people were wounded in the clash with police. It was one of the most violent incidents since demonstrations were legalised two years ago.

The demonstration began yesterday on Taiwan's National Day, when 10,000 people rallied outside the Tuchen jail in a Taipei suburb to demand the immediate release of prominent dissident Hsu Hsin-Liang.

About 3,000 protesters remained past midnight. The fighting began at 3 am today (1900 GMT Tuesday) when riot police moved to disperse the crowd, which broke up after a two-hour clash.

"The police mercilessly launched the bloody attack on the peaceful crowd under instruction of the ruling Nationalist Party," charged Chang Chun-Hung, the DPP's secretary-general.

"The demonstration would have ended peacefully if the police did not disperse us with force," he added.

In a videotape shown at the party's news conference, police were seen firing water cannon at protesters and attacking them with clubs while some protesters shouted "peace, peace."

Chang said riot police, some using electric batons, also smashed a van during the clash.

Earlier today, officers arrested 15 protesters, who allegedly attacked police, but later released them on bail. Among the 15 was Hsu's wife and protest organiser Lin Cheng-Chien, who was hospitalised with serious bone fractures, police said.

James Chu, spokesman of the National Party, said the opposition should be held responsible for the incident as several protesters threw stones and purposely attacked riot police.

"They (protesters) apparently ignored the laws and barely understand that most people



Taiwan President Lee Teng-Hui

want a peaceful society," he said. Yesterday, the protesters, wearing yellow headbands and carrying yellow flowers, shouted "Release Hsu Hsin-Liang," and vowed to sleep outside the jail because they were denied permission to meet with Hsu.

Police said the demonstration was illegal because protest leaders did not apply for permission. They said breaking up the sit-in designed to avoid violence and end serious traffic jams caused by the protest.

Hsu, 48, was jailed after he returned last month from 10 years of self-exile in the United States, making the final portion of his journey in a fishing boat from China. The government accuses him of helping to organise a 1979 anti-government demonstration, which turned violent, in the southern port of Kaohsiung.

Protest leaders said the 1979 protest was aimed only at demanding more political freedom.

Recognition

■ Liberia recognised Taiwan and risked its ties with Beijing because falling world commodity prices meant it could not resist Taiwan's offer of aid, the country's former ambassador to China said today.

J. Christopher Ricks said Liberia had hoped for diplomatic relations with both China and Taiwan but Beijing suspended ties yesterday, a day after Liberia restored them with the Nationalist island following a 12-year break.

Tumultuous welcome in Flores

Pope goes to Catholic land

MAUMERE, Indonesia, Oct 11. (UPI): Pope John Paul II received a tumultuous welcome today in the Catholic heartland of Indonesia, where Portuguese missionaries established the faith more than 400 years ago.

Church bells pealed across the remote, palm-dotted island of Flores as the pontiff's plane touched down and he was greeted by local Catholic and government officials and leaders of Indonesia's other major religions.

Cheering and waving school children lined the flag-bedecked 1.2-mile road from the airport to the site of the mass, where 100,000 Catholics crowded into a soccer stadium to greet the Polish-born Pope while another 150,000 were forced to listen outside through loudspeakers.

The crowd repeatedly chanted in Indonesian "hidup bapak paus" or "long live the Pope" as the pontiff entered the stadium riding on an open truck decorated in the yellow and white colours of the Vatican.

The pontiff, on the third day of his six-day visit to Indonesia, flew from Jakarta to Flores, 1,000 miles east of the capital after a brief stop in nearby East Timor to switch to a smaller aircraft for landing at the tiny airport at Maumere town, population 39,000.

"This is the most historical moment for this poor remote island," said Ignatius da Cunha, spokesman for the Papal visit

organizing committee on Flores. Flores and East Timor, which John Paul was to visit tomorrow, were introduced to the Catholic faith in the mid-16th century by Portuguese missionaries and explorers and have remained a loyal minority in overwhelmingly Muslim Indonesia.

An estimated 90 per cent of the 1.7 million people on Flores are Catholics but the faith accounts for just over three per cent of Indonesia's 178 million population.

A 1,000-voice choir serenaded the pontiff at the mass while 110 male dancers with swords and an equal number of women with feathers in their hair and between their fingers performed a traditional bird dance in front of the specially built local stone altar.

White-robed seminarians served as ushers in the dusty stadium, where the faithful had waited for hours under the blazing tropical sun for the arrival of the Pope.

The Pope delivered his sermon in English and prayers were made in Indonesian, restating the major theme of his Indonesian visit — the duty of Catholics to work for social justice and harmony.

"As Catholics and Indonesians you are taking a full part in ... your country by working to promote the common good to remedy social problems," he said.

Recollections from SA jail

PR exercise: former detainee

LONDON, Oct 11. (AP): Denis Goldberg no longer gets uneasy in a crowd. But whenever he sits down to write his memoirs, the recollections from 21 years in a South African prison still overwhelm him.

Goldberg served the longest prison term imposed on a white militant, and now is in his fifth year in British exile.

He says the ideals that got him, Nelson Mandela and six other black nationalists locked up for plotting to overthrow South Africa's white-led minority government made his life sentence bearable.

"I didn't count every day I was in prison, but I calculated it," Goldberg, now 56, said in an interview. "I was there 7,904 days. I don't regret one day, it was worth it."

At 29, Goldberg was an engineer-turned-bomb-maker for the African National Congress, the banned black nationalist movement. He was arrested at an ANC hideout in Johannesburg and given three life sentences in June 1964 for "campaigning to overthrow the government by violent revolution."

Deported in 1965 after pledging not to participate in political violence, he now runs the ANC's mail-order business in North London, selling mostly T-shirts and posters. He lectures occasionally in Britain and abroad.

President F.W. de Klerk yesterday said he would free five of Goldberg's co-defendants, including ANC political strategist Walter Sisulu, but not Mandela.

The other co-defendant, Govan Mbeki, was freed in 1987. Goldberg claims their release "is a public relations exercise to show de Klerk is amenable to change."

It took Goldberg two years to adjust to freedom in London. Relief came one morning when "suddenly I felt at ease. The crowds didn't bother me."

"There's a lot of softness and gentleness outside that is enriching," he says. "It sounds corny but it's very, very true. I find life incredibly exciting, fulfilling and worthwhile."

His wife Esme, 60, says: "Prison made him tender."

But the memories of prison run deep.

"I find that when I do sit down to write about it, I simply don't sleep," he said. "A recollection of one incident brings back a whole chain of incidents and events, and I find that this just overwhelms me."

The former engineer said he gradually was driven to violence by revulsion for apartheid, the race-separation system under which 5 million whites disenfranchised 28 million blacks.

Goldberg is chubbier now and losing his hair, and his quirky humour masks a deep hurt at missing seeing his two children grown up.

"I've had some suffering ... lots of people have died. People are getting hanged, people are getting shot," he said. "I'm alive, life's great."

"I certainly do not repudiate my past actions. I do not repudiate the armed struggle, I think it's essential."

Sisulu, a close friend of Mandela and a major ANC leader before the organisation was banned in 1960, is the most prominent of the prisoners to be freed.

Mpethe, 80, is the oldest political prisoner in the country. He was seen today at Groote Schuur hospital in Cape Town, where he has spent most of his five-year prison term.

Police used tear-gas and batons to stop black youths from entering a sports stadium in the mixed-race township of Athlone, near Cape Town, where about 3,000 had gathered to celebrate Mpethe's expected release.

Police prohibited the crowd from marching out of the stadium, and the youths sang freedom songs before dispersing quietly when they were told Mpethe had not yet been freed.

An estimated 30,000 people marched through Uitenhage industrial city today to protest apartheid and honour 20 blacks killed by police in 1985.

The march, which stretched for more than five kilometres (three miles), was one of the largest in a series of protests across the country since de Klerk announced last month the government would allow peaceful demonstrations.

Jubilant

Anti-apartheid leaders, jubilant over the announcement that all of jailed nationalist Nelson Mandela's co-accused are to be released, have pledged to continue the fight to free the world's best-known political prisoner.

Desmond Tutu, dancing with delight, told a rally of thousands of Cape Town students yesterday that de Klerk's pledge to free eight leading political prisoners was only a start.

"We are pleased, but we are not yet satisfied, for there are many others who remain behind apartheid's locked doors," a beaming Tutu told the cheering students.

Meanwhile, South African police fired shotguns at black demonstrators in a Natal province township, a police statement said today. Two men were wounded and 42 others were arrested.

Poor Africans Below poverty line

GENEVA, Oct 11. (Reuters): More than half of Africa's 400 million population will live below the poverty line by 1995, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) said yesterday.

"Increased poverty means not only deteriorated standards of living but also wealth destruction," the United Nations agency added in a report to be discussed by government, employer and worker delegates from 17 countries in Nairobi next week.

It said gross domestic product per capita in Africa in 1988 was nine per cent lower than in 1980 and the possibilities for recovery were slim unless there was a revival of investment

Hong Kong governor unveils new airport plans, ignores China crisis

HONG KONG, Oct 11. (AP): The governor announced plans today for a new \$16-billion airport and port complex designed to boost confidence in the British colony before China takes over in 1997.

The two-runway airport, to be built on an off-shore island and landfill, and a new high-speed rail system and six-lane highway linking it to urban areas, will be the territory's largest construction project ever, officials said.

By pressing ahead with such ambitious programmes despite the special pressures which our

community has so recently faced. The government is demonstrating its commitment to Hong Kong's future," Governor Sir David Wilson said in his annual speech on the state of the colony.

The announcement comes as the government is trying to restore confidence in the territory of 5.7 million people, severely shaken by the crackdown on dissent in China.

Many residents are concerned about what will happen when the territory is handed to communist China in 1997, even though Beijing has promised

that Hong Kong can maintain its capitalist system for 50 years and enjoy a "high degree of autonomy."

Trying to address those concerns, Wilson said a draft bill of rights that would allow people to seek redress in courts if they believed their civil or political rights had been violated would be ready by July 1990.

But he did not discuss the increased political tension of recent days between Hong Kong and China that has exacerbated the confidence crisis. Beijing was angered by the colony's decision last

month to allow a Chinese swimmer who had sought political asylum here to fly to the United States. It retaliated by refusing for the first time to accept the return of Chinese caught entering Hong Kong illegally.

The move has touched off fears in the colony about the potential for a wave of illegal immigrants. Wilson devoted much of his speech to outlining the construction projects, saying, "physically, Hong Kong will have changed almost beyond recognition."



Catholic country

Pope John Paul walks from the Indonesian Air Force C-130 Hercules that brought him to the mainly Catholic island of Flores. The Pope is in Indonesia for a five-day visit. (Reuters wirephoto) (See Page 5)

Nobel prize

A call brings joy, light moments too

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 11, (AP): As the man who notifies Nobel prize-winners of their selection, Carl-Olof Jacobson brings great joy to the winners — once he can convince them he's not kidding.

Among common reactions, he says, is "Ah, give me a break." "Sometimes they believe it's one of their friends' practical jokes," says Jacobson, whose toughest task is persuading winners that he's on the level.

Jacobson is secretary general of the 250-year-old Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, which chooses the winners in three categories.

His call comes just before reporters flash the selection around the world. Today, the academy chose the winner of the economics prize, and the laureates in physics and chemistry will be announced tomorrow.

Two years ago, Jacobson's predecessor called Donald Cram in California to tell him he had won the Nobel prize for chemistry. Cram's disbelief was justified, since he was a construction worker. The academy had the wrong Cram.

Chemist Donald Cram told reporters after he was informed, "It really shakes me up."

The Karolinska Institute awarded this year's Nobel Prize for medicine to two cancer researchers at the University of California, J. Michael Bishop and Harold E. Varmus.

Varmus said he thought they might have got the wrong telephone number.

"I didn't know if it was a false alarm or they got my name confused," he said.

Such light moments brighten the otherwise serious business of choosing laureates.

The coveted award not only ensures the winner a place in history and a large cheque, but can be a financial boon for his research company or university. This year, each prize is worth \$469,000.

"People from all over the world write and tell of their own merits and extremely odd discoveries they made, which nobody really believes in," Jacobson said.

Asked whether some institutions lobby for their candidates, Jacobson said only: "Everybody knows we cannot be influenced."



Goes scot-free

An Australian court dismissed today all charges against a former senior policeman accused of a series of violent rapes in suburban Sydney over 20 years.

Former detective superintendent Harry Blackburn was an innocent man, Reg Blanch, director of public prosecutions for New South Wales, said in a statement later.

Blanch offered no evidence when Blackburn appeared before Sydney magistrate Angela Kar-

pin on 25 charges of sexual assault. The court adjourned a decision on legal costs.

Karpin discharged Blackburn who was told late last week by Blanch that he had been cleared of all charges in connection with the rapes and assaults that took place in Sydney car parks and "lovers lanes" from 1969 to 1988.

Blackburn leaving the court with his wife Lyn. (Reuters wirephoto)

America

Ukrainians persecuted: A Ukrainian family who fought for years to escape religious oppression in the Soviet Union is now the target of a cross burning and bigoted threats of violence in the United States, members of their church said yesterday.

The family of Vladimir Doroshkevich has been denounced by anonymous tormenters as communists, although they left the Soviet Union to escape communist rule and religious persecution, said the Rev. Michael Smith, pastor of Calvary Assembly of God Church. (UPI)

Bette Davis' body flown: The body of actress Bette Davis, who died in a Paris hospital, will be flown to Los Angeles this week for a private funeral, her agent said yesterday.

Katherine Fennock, Davis' assistant and longtime friend who was with Davis when she died of cancer at age 81 Friday, will return with the body this evening, said Michael Black of International Creative Management in Los Angeles. (UPI)

Army takes measures: The air force said yesterday it had taken measures to fend off a potentially disabling computer "virus" that is rumored to strike this week.

"We had a similar threat last year," said Kathy Higgins, spokeswoman for the aeronautics systems division at Wright-Patterson air force base. "We are taking necessary precautions in protecting ourselves against any threat this year." (UPI)

Aid abortion policy upheld: A US appeals court in Washington has upheld the right of the agency for international development to deny funding to private groups that support abortions in foreign countries.

A three-judge panel of the US circuit court of appeals for the district of Columbia ruled yesterday against constitutional challenges filed by three family planning organizations, two foreign and one based in the United States, that had sued aid in 1985. (AP)

Wedding licenses applications: SOAT: Applications for wedding licenses doubled in Cook County when a state-mandated AIDS test was scrapped, county clerk Stanley Kasper said yesterday.

Kasper said there were 2,568 requests for licenses in the two weeks after the AIDS test requirement was eliminated Sept. 11, compared with 1,752 requests during the same period in 1988. (UPI)

Copter crashes: A helicopter crashed yesterday on the median of a toll road, killing five people, including three Atlantic City Casino hotel executives of the Trump organization, officials said.

The helicopter was returning to Atlantic City from New York city when it crashed at 1:50 pm (1750 GMT) on the garden state parkway, police said. (AP)

Quake hits Alaska: A moderate earthquake shook buildings in Alaska's capital and woke up residents for more than 100 miles earlier today. No injuries or damage were immediately reported.

The quake measured 5.1 on the Richter Scale in a preliminary measurement, said Alec Medbery, spokesman for the Alaska Tsunami Warning Centre in Palmer. (AP)

Farmer finds DC-10 part: A farmer harvesting corn has found what investigators say may be a key missing engine part of the United Airlines DC-10 Jumbo jet that crashed this summer in Iowa, killing 112 people.

Janice Sorenson said she was driving a combine in a cornfield when she struck "something sharp." It turned out to be a partially imbedded engine rotor fan disk, which has been so highly sought after that General Electric Co. put up a \$50,000 reward for its return. (AP)

'Hit team' of wasps, beetles imported: Lady beetles and wasps have been imported from the Soviet Union to help US farmers battle the Russian wheat aphid, the Agriculture Department said yesterday.

The predator insects are natural enemies of the aphid, and after evaluation may be used in field tests against the destructive pests. (AP)

Paleontologists pained: The nation's paleontologists, in Washington who know a dinosaur when they see one, are upset over the US Postal service's latest block of dinosaur stamps.

One of the stamps uses an out-of-date name and another actually shows a flying reptile, complain the scientists who study ancient forms of life. (AP)

No dearth of cocaine

Crackdown fails to check flow

NEW YORK, Oct. 11, (UPI): The city's streets are flooded with cocaine, with the wholesale price and availability unaffected by the Colombian government's crackdown and recent record cocaine seizures, the city's top federal drug agent said yesterday.

"It's still business as usual," said Robert Stutman, the special agent in charge of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration's New York field office.

"We've seen virtually no change in availability or price," Stutman said. "Unfortunately, there is no shortage of cocaine here."

The Colombian government crackdown on the Medellin and Cali cocaine cartels and recent seizures in Los Angeles, the Gulf of Mexico and Texas apparently have failed to disrupt the flow of cocaine into New York city, one of the nation's biggest markets for the drug, Stutman said.

"It has not had an effect in New York yet," Stutman said. "It may over the long term — who knows. We just have to keep banging away and hope it has an effect."

The wholesale price of a kilo of cocaine has held steady at about \$14,000-\$20,000, depending on quality and the number of kilos purchased, he said.

"Some guys are talking about higher price but I think it's a street hustle," he said. "I don't ever remember us seeing a shortage of cocaine or crack in New York."

DEA agents in Los Angeles raided a warehouse Sept. 29 and uncovered a staggering cache of 19 tons of cocaine — the biggest seizure ever recorded.

The following week, the US Coast Guard seized more than five tons aboard a Panamanian-registered vessel in the Gulf of Mexico and Texas authorities seized 11 tons of the drugs in Harlingen.

The Cali cartel, which officials believe has suffered less as a result of the Colombian crackdown, dominates the cocaine trade in New York, federal agents say.

Federal agents in New York last year seized a total of 22,000 pounds (9,900 kg) of the cocaine, more than the previous seven years combined.

The government of Colombian President Virgilio Barco's began its anti-drug crackdown Aug. 18, when leading presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan, who had crusaded against the kingpins, was assassinated, allegedly by cartel-sponsored assassins.



Framed by books
A visitor to the Frankfurt book fair is framed by books at a special exhibition of books for children. (Reuters wirephoto)

Great success: FBI

Looking for KGB men

NEW YORK, Oct. 11, (Reuters): The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) says the advertisements it placed in a New York Russian-language newspaper to find émigrés with first hand knowledge of the KGB are a great success.

The display advertisements are running in Novoye Russkoye Slovo (New Russian Word), which sells 50,000 copies daily to Soviet émigrés.

The FBI, responsible for counter-intelligence in the United States, wants to recruit potential Soviet assets and beckon would-be defectors.

It particularly wants people who know about activities of the Soviet KGB intelligence agency in the United States.

TV faith healer

Soviet people are captivated

MOSCOW, Oct. 11, (Reuters): People across the Soviet Union, facing worsening shortages of vital goods and the prospect of a grim, dark winter, have been captivated by a Soviet faith healer who says his television seances cure a variety of ills.

Anatoly Kashpirovsky, clearly a talented hypnotist, was watched by an estimated 200 million viewers across the nation last weekend.

"Can an actor explain how he holds his audience spellbound?" he told a packed news conference organized by Soviet Foreign Ministry today.

"My actions work on the subconscious. What I say to a patient sometimes doesn't matter much. I try to use the inner resources of the body. Everything depends on the biochemical process of the patient."

He has particularly enthralled Muscovites, who joyfully relate accounts of mended limbs, healed scars and restored eyesight at the hands of the healer.

The most dramatic footage of the success stories Kashpirovsky displays on videotape shows a woman being operated on without an anesthetic in the city of Tbilisi — as he speaks to her from Kiev, some 1,500 km (900 miles) away.

Tearful patients appearing on television tell how they recovered their sight within days of treatment.



Squeezing in

Harare commuters squeeze into an emergency taxi for an uncomfortable ride home. Shortage of

foreign exchange has led to a shortage of buses, cars and trucks which is undermining the Zim-

between economy and the popularity of President Robert Mugabe's government. (Reuters wirephoto)

Europe

AIDS death: About 100,000 people in Britain could die from AIDS by the end of the century, the British office of population censuses and survey's warned in London on Wednesday.

In a report, highlighted by the British media, the office said that the killer disease could claim up to 15,000 lives a year by the late 1990's, with most deaths among men under 50.

In the survey on projected population changes in Britain between now and the year 2027, it pointed out that the effect of AIDS on overall mortality rate would be "appreciable", at least among men aged 30 to 50. (Kuna)

Ban ivory trade: African elephants may become extinct if the ivory trade is not banned, UN conference was warned Tuesday.

"Time is running out on the African elephant," US Assistant Secretary of the Interior Constance Harriman told the UN-sponsored convention on international trade in endangered species (Cites).

But Zimbabwe, which says its elephant herds are growing, stressed that the threat did not extend across the entire African continent.

"It is out of the question to claim that the continent's population as a whole is endangered with extinction," said Rowan Martin, assistant director of Zimbabwe's Parks and Wildlife Department. (Reuters)

Abbado not to give up: Claudio Abbado, the new Italian chief conductor of the prestige Berlin Philharmonic, has said he will not give up his post as musical director of the Vienna State Opera.

Abbado, successor to the late Herbert von Karajan, also said in an interview with the Rome newspaper Il Messaggero that he did not expect to become Berlin's chief conductor for life like his predecessor.

"I am profoundly honoured. Naturally I accept the appointment but I won't leave Vienna," the 56-year-old Abbado said. "It will mean that I will work more in Berlin." (Reuters)

Launch delayed: Soviet space officials said on Tuesday they have delayed the launch of a module to their orbiting complex Mir because they doubt the reliability of module's guidance and docking mechanisms, Tass said.

Chief cosmonaut Vladimir Solovov said officials had hoped to launch the module in mid-September but have rescheduled the blastoff for Nov. 28, the official news agency reported.

Tass did not specifically identify which of two modules being sent to the complex was affected. One module was to include Japanese quail eggs to be hatched in an experiment on weightlessness, as well as a "space motorcycle" to be used in short trips between objects in space. (AP)

Psychological inspiration: A Soviet psychiatrist on Wednesday said he was confident of his ability to heal AIDS-stricken persons by means of psychological inspiration.

Dr Anatoly Kashpirovsky said at a press conference held in Moscow he would have treated people suffering from AIDS had he been given the chance to do so.

He added that he had received thousands of messages from patients, who he helped to recover from diabetes, dermal and intestinal diseases as well as certain cases which classical medicine has failed to cure. (Kuna)

Asia

Call for reform: Top opposition leader Kim Dae Jung called today for greater freedom and democratic development and demanded that all dissidents jailed for political activity be released.

In his address to the National Assembly, the opposition leader accused President Roh Tae-woo of balking at carrying out reforms and removing the legacies of past authoritarian governments.

"Reactionary forces are trying to turn the tide towards the past rule," Kim said.

Kim demanded that the government release about 900 students, workers and intellectuals currently in jail for political offences, and meet popular wishes for greater political freedom, economic reforms and social justice.

Roh, a former general, has introduced democratic reforms since he took office in February 1988, but his critics contend he has not done enough. (AP)

Transsexuals

Woman, right?

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Oct. 11, (AP): A Guyanese gold miner, after undergoing a sex change operation but losing a court bid to be considered a woman, has begun a campaign to amend the country's constitution in favour of transsexuals.

Jill Jardine, 37, went by the name of Jimmy until a 1981 sex change operation in Long Island, New York. She began lobbying for a constitutional change recognizing transsexuality.



Meeting for a cause

The President of (from left to right) Bolivia, Jaime Paz Zamora; Peru, Alan Garcia, and Colombia, Virgilio Barco arrive at Pisco Naval Base. (See Page 4)

Anti-abortionists

Bills rejected

TALLAHASSEE, Florida, Oct. 11, (Reuters): Anti-abortion activists suffered a setback yesterday when a Senate committee of the Florida legislature rejected four bills that would have restricted abortions.

It was the first such vote since a US Supreme Court ruling allowing states more power to limit abortions.

Florida Governor Bob Martinez called a special session after the supreme court voted in July to uphold a Missouri law banning abortions in public hospitals. Rejection of the bills effectively kills their chances of becoming law.



Glad tidings

David Katane holds a copy of the Sowetan newspaper announcing imminent release of jailed black nationalist leader Walter Sisulu and seven other jailed anti-apartheid activists. (Reuters wirephoto) (See Page 5)

Latin America

Rebels kill woman candidate:

Presumed leftist guerrillas killed a woman candidate for the municipal council of a district of Lima last night, and other rebels set off a car bomb in the capital, police said.

The violence came on the eve of a meeting of the group of eight Latin American presidents in Lima, 180 miles (300 kilometers) southeast of Lima.

Guerrillas killed Maria Huapaya, candidate for the ruling centre-left Aprista Party in the race for municipal council in El Agustino in the south-east part of Lima, a party spokesman said. (AP)

Nicaragua accuses US: The official Nicaraguan newspaper yesterday accused the United States of using a private construction company to funnel money to the opposition ahead of elections scheduled for next February.

In addition, the Nicaraguan Assembly voted yesterday to investigate United Nicaraguan Opposition (UNO) vice-presidential candidate Virgilio Godoy for allegedly misusing donations from the West German Friedrich Naumann Foundation. (Reuters)

Pardoned guerrillas return: Two fugitive guerrilla leaders wanted for murder and kidnapping since the 1970s returned to Argentina yesterday beneficiaries of a mass pardon granted by President Carlos Menem over the weekend.

The pardon covered nearly all military personnel and guerrillas serving up to life imprisonment for human rights abuses committed during the 1976-83 dictatorship's "dirty war" on leftist subversion in which 9,000 people disappeared.

It also freed military officers who took part in three rebellions and three former junta members who led the country into the 1982 Falklands War with Britain. (Reuters)

Corvalan returns: Veteran Chilean Communist leader Luis Corvalan, an arch-enemy of General Augusto Pinochet's military government, returned home yesterday in Santiago, Chile after 13 years in exile in Moscow.

The 70-year-old former teacher said he would support centrist opposition presidential candidate Patricio Aylwin in December 14 elections to pick Pinochet's civilian successor.

"Aylwin is the best man for the transition to democracy," he told journalists on arrival at Santiago's Airport, where 250 party militants cheered and waved red flags. (Reuters)

Journalist's wife killed: Unidentified gunmen ambushed a Salvadoran journalist's car yesterday, killing his wife and seriously wounding their son, police said.

A police spokesman identified the victim as Edelmira Fuentes, 45, the wife of Luis Fuentes, an editor with El Diario de Hoy, a conservative newspaper.

Oscar Fuentes, 21, the son who was driving the car, was seriously wounded in the attack near the family home in the southwestern sector of the capital, according to the spokesman, who insisted on anonymity for security reasons.

At the time of the attack, Luis Fuentes was not in the car, which was struck by more than 20 bullets. (AP)

Africa

Membership controlled: The military government will choose members of the two political parties that it had created to contest elections for the transition to civilian rule, the election commission chairman in Lagos, Nigeria said.

Humphrey Nwosu, whose national election commission was ordered to draft platforms for the parties, said membership will be controlled to prevent any anti-government groups from taking control of the parties.

All former politicians already have been banned from taking part in party activities.

All funding for the parties will come from the government. (AP)

Police clamp down: "Police stepped up a crackdown on government critics yesterday and detained at least 11 opposition activists campaigning for this month's by-elections, witnesses said in Harare Zimbabwe.

Yesterday detainees came a week after 50 University of Zimbabwe students were arrested at violent anti-government demonstrations.

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Realities of US justice

Inside steel toothed city

Ahmed Al Jarallah
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NEW YORK, New York.... Certainly is a different city. Different from Paris, London and Rome which are cities of the past, filled with memories. New York is part of the present and the future which is vividly reflected in "crazy human ambitions." It has been made by people who came from all parts of the world, from all races and colours, convinced they were unappreciated in their own societies. They came to New York and "exploded their rage" into channels of innovation and creativity.

These people succeeded in demonstrating to their original people that they not only possessed good voices, but exceptional concepts too. They proved that their theatres in New York are different from the wooden theatres of Louis the XIV, Henry the VIII and such other famous theatres. Theirs, are the theatres of the future. Who can ever forget ET or Star Wars?

Perhaps, because of their "innovative rage" on their arrogant

Soon after, Dr Nicol, who is highly experienced with every nuance of Adnan's causes of pain, weak points and those areas which provide good health for his master, examines Adnan carefully and ensures that all organs are OK.

Adnan then goes back to his room to put on the usually dark night suits. The night programme then starts. At 8.00 pm Adnan gets down to the spacious saloon, where just like in all other areas of organisation in Adnan's empire, the night programme is well prepared in advance. In the saloon, conversation was exchanged, and at a point, Adnan's lawyer came closer to him and asked him not to give any press interviews. But, Adnan looked at me and said, "the interview will be for you Ahmed — exclusively, because you asked about me when I was in jail." I was really pleased with his comment and prepared myself for an extraordinary night with a man who knows how to live.

We went back again to New York. This time, I had a different feeling. In the restaurant that Adnan chose, I experienced new "rituals" that I had never seen before as we were accorded extraordinary unprecedented treatment. As soon as we sat on the table, "the indifferent" New York waiter rushed to us with his aristocratic moves. He carefully explained the cuisines and diligently expounded on the freshness and quality. Like I said, New Yorkers like famous people and Adnan is both famous and generous.

Fan
At about midnight, we went back to the palace. We went to our bedroom. In my room, my special attendant, Adams told me, "Look, Mr. Jarallah, two days ago, the well known cinema star Elizabeth Taylor was our guest in this room. She came to inquire about Adnan after he was released from jail on bail." Believe me, after I heard that, I shouted at Adams, "Leave me Adams, I will sleep very deeply now, my sleep will be different. I will try to prolong my sleep as much as I can — after all Taylor slept in this bed only two days ago." You see, I was one of the fans of Elizabeth Taylor when I was a student.

On the third morning of my visit to Adnan, I sat with him early in the morning while he was busy receiving tens of calls from various parts of the world. Important people were speaking about big business. Adnan on the other side dealt with them politely, and discussed the issues in the best way, the best public relations man in the world could do.

Between the calls, I utilise the opportunity and ask him: "Adnan, amid this very busy atmosphere of commitments, how and when do you sleep?"

He says, "Don't be surprised Ahmad. When we were in the restaurant and I felt like sleeping, I went out without even asking for permission from anybody. All my friends know this about me. Generally, I sleep early. I don't stay beyond one after midnight. Besides this, I have stopped doing some work that I was

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Adnan Khashoggi

doing before for health reasons. Moreover, my mode and scope of operations has witnessed drastic changes. It looks that the period of consideration that I passed through in the jail, has put before me new facts and concepts of life. My friends say that I have changed a little. This change has been reflected on my family life. I have become more attached to my family, and it now accounts for a lot of my time. In the past, the luxurious style of life I was living, took much of my time, particularly of my business. Now things have become different. I am re-organising my life. I want my hair to grow stronger. Money, as I said, is like hair, whenever you cut it, it grows stronger. I am now passing through a financial redevelopment stage. I want to utilise my friendships and international relations for this purpose."

East and West
I asked him again, "But Adnan, you are concentrating on your business in the West. Why don't you transfer these businesses to the Arab world, being an

forefathers, proud of their old memories, the New Yorkers built an indeed fabulous city, armed it with teeth of steel to defend itself and also impose itself on all other civilisations.

Thus, either you catch up with the fever of the New York craze, leaving behind all the past, or its steel teeth will eat you. This was my impression while returning from my trip within the teeth of New York to Adnan's empire in the Olympic Tower. For this reason, perhaps, I wanted to go back quickly. It was nice back home, the home which preserves part of one's traditions and customs and helps you in a suspicious, steel-toothed city — a city that has no mercy....

It is night on the second day of my visit to Adnan. We entered home feeling very tired. As is his habit when he is tired, Adnan quickly moved to his bedroom. Immediately, there was silence as everyone knew that the master wanted to rest. Adnan lies down on his luxurious bed, and soon restores his forces and comes out of the room to go straight to the sauna. Here, he surrenders his tired body to the masseur, who elegantly restores Adnan's power. Items on the agenda, in accordance with a strict systematical organisation then follow. Barber George comes out punctually to work on the remain few hairs on the genius' head.

Arab and a Muslim?"
He takes a little time thinking and then says: "Dealing in the West is different from dealing in the Arab world. The system in the West is different from the East. To explain this, for example, in the West you can deal in a billion dollars as soon as you own only one million. In the Arab world they haven't yet reached this system. In the Arab world, if you want to work with billions of dollars you have to own the whole amount."

"In the West, there is something called 'the first payment,' if you have it, the banks do the rest and finance your projects. These banks commit themselves with you as long as you have paid the 'first down payment' which is usually 15 or 20 per cent of the value of the project. There is no such system in the Arab world."

"In spite of this, I have businesses in the Arab world. I work in Egypt and Sudan, though I have frozen my business in Sudan for some time. Now, if the opportunity arises for me to work again in Sudan, I won't hesitate. Both me

and the Sudanese economy will benefit. For instance, through my agreement with Sudan, I could move worth \$3 billion, but the revolution after Nimeri suspended the agreement."

Equality
Whenever he gets a call, I suddenly go back to my thinking and considerations of this man. With him, you don't feel the burden of money, although his so heavy and people with fortunes know this very well. He is a man of jokes and can regale those around him with laughter. On the dining tables, Adnan insists on serving his guests by himself. Surprisingly enough, all his guests, believe that Adnan is wholly theirs. He treats them equally. Adnan's friends call him Mr. K, reflecting the level of friendship with him. Telephones stop ringing and suddenly Adnan's voice comes to me asking for another trip. I respond quickly. We went out of the palace gate, took the Olympic Tower lift and went down.
(4th part next week)

GDR policy shift likely

EAST BERLIN, Oct 11, (Agencies): East Germany said today that state leader Erich Honecker has postponed a planned visit to Denmark — amid reports of major policy talks.

The official ADN news agency gave no explanation for the postponement, announced as the hard-line state's chief ideologist acknowledged publicly for the first time that political reform is needed.

East European sources said a regular, one-day meeting of the Communist Party's ruling politburo had continued today. The sources said the meeting may be considering important policy decisions, but gave no details.

The communist East German state has been swept by a wave of pro-reform protests over the last week.

Policy
Honecker, who has played a major leadership role since the foundation of the East German state 40 years ago, has rejected any suggestion of Soviet-style changes.

But chief ideologist Kurt Hager said in an interview with the Soviet news agency Novosti this week that media policy and greater involvement of ordinary people in decision-making were two areas under discussion.

The 77-year-old Honecker has been in poor health in recent months. Several weeks ago he had a gall bladder operation.

When welcoming Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on a visit to East Berlin recently he seemed in better health but still appeared drawn.

Clear-cut
"First of all it is necessary to draw up a clear-cut concept," Hager said. "But the will is there and I believe we will succeed in bringing about the necessary reforms."

In a major departure from previous statements, Hager said: "We have discussed our achievements, but now it is necessary to talk about what is necessary to change and renew in the run-up to the ... congress."

Asked whether there would be changes in East Germany now the 40th anniversary was over, the 77-year-old politburo member said: "It is possible to perfect everything."

Exodus
"There are many such questions — for instance, the more active involvement of the population in deciding on social problems and the improvement of information policy."

Hager, considered a hardliner in the ruling Politburo, also said it was necessary to examine why so many people had fled the country in recent months.

About 50,000 have headed for the West via Hungary and West German embassies in Prague and Warsaw in the past month alone.

"In the first place, it is necessary to remove those obstacles which hinder particularly young people in discovering their abilities," he told Novosti's diplomatic commentator Vladimir Markov.

Nearly 50,000 East Germans have fled their country and settled in West Germany in the past month, West German border police said today.

The figure included those who escaped via Hungary or through West German embassies in Prague and Warsaw in the month since Budapest opened its border to East Germans heading for the West.

East Germany angrily rejected a West German offer of financial help in return for political reforms today and said it would solve its problems alone with socialist means.

Interference
A commentary in the official Communist Party newspaper accused Chancellor Helmut Kohl of "flagrant interference" in urging change in East Germany.

Kohl offered East Germany substantial scientific, technical and economic help if it embarked on reforms already advanced in its Warsaw Pact neighbours, Poland and Hungary.



Reforms march

Seven thousand East Germans, calling for political reforms, demonstrate in front of Leipzig's main railway station Monday night in the country's biggest single protest since 1953. (Reuter wirephoto)

Howe stress on mass problems

Tories told to polish image

BLACKPOOL, Oct 11, (Reuters): Britain's deputy prime minister today urged the ruling Conservative Party, trailing far behind the opposition in opinion polls, to polish its image and listen to the problems of the people.

As the Conservatives' annual conference turned from the plight of sterling to the problems of the environment, Sir Geoffrey Howe said the party must adopt a more caring stance.

In a hunchtime speech outside the four-day meeting, Howe said the Conservatives had "a serious task of political persuasion ahead," given the opposition Labour Party's lead in the polls.

In an indirect reference to public perceptions of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as an effective but uncaring leader, he said: "People must recognise us as a listening party, just as much as a crusading one. We have to show that we hear people, understand their concerns, meet their worries."

Howe, who will not speak at the main conference for the first time in a decade after his enforced move from the Foreign Office in July's cabinet reshuffle, warned: "We must choose the style to match the mood of Britain."

Howe's clash of views with Thatcher over the extent of Britain's participation in the European Economic Community has been widely seen as the main reason for his transfer.

And in an oblique criticism of Thatcher's opposition to an "identikit Europe," he added: "Our full participation in the European Economic Community... should not be inhibited by any anxiety that European success is incompatible with patriotism."

Financial issues still overshadow the Conservatives' conference after Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson's decision last week to raise interest rates to 15 per cent — an



Thatcher applauding the speech of Kenneth Baker, chairman of the Conservative Party, on the opening day of the Conservative Party conference. (Reuter wirephoto)

eight-year high — in defence of sterling.

Despite his action, which will hit business and people borrowing to buy homes, the pound fell below the psychologically important level of three West German marks.

Lawson is to deliver a make-or-break economic speech tomorrow. Political sources say he will not announce any new economic initiatives but will warn the party it must stick with his strategy of using interest rates to fight inflation and back sterling.

Meanwhile the 4,500 delegates turned to the environment in a debate specially extended to mark Thatcher's keen interest.

Thatcher has made environmental issues a top political priority over the past year since devoting a large part of her closing address at last year's conference to conservation concerns.

Grivas to oversee polls

Caretaker PM

ATHENS, Oct 11, (Reuters): Supreme Court President Yannis Grivas was today appointed Greece's caretaker prime minister to oversee the second national election this year, set for Nov 5.

President Christos Sarizetakis named Grivas and said he would be sworn in tomorrow along with the caretaker cabinet which will oversee next month's election.

A conservative-communist coalition government in power since July resigned on Saturday, saying its political clean-up campaign was completed and it wanted quick elections.

The outgoing government ordered former socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu, who held power from 1981 until a June election defeat, and five of his senior ministers to stand trial on corruption charges.

Grivas will preside over two special courts set up to hear the cases, which concern alleged complicity in a \$200 million bank embezzlement and accusations of illegal telephone wire-tapping by Papandreu's government.

Caution urged in arms talks

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Oct 11, (AP): US Congressmen yesterday urged the NATO allies to be cautious in their push to negotiate an early agreement with the Soviet Union on reducing non-nuclear arms in Europe.

"We're got to be speedy but we have to be careful at the same time," said representative Richard Gephardt, who led the 11-member delegation on a five-day swing to Vienna, Geneva and Brussels.

"The dominant impression... is just how complex these issues are and how difficult it is to arrive at an agreement among many partners that will be real and lasting," said representative William Broomfield.

The lawmakers met with negotiators involved in the bargaining in Vienna between the 16 nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the seven of the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact to slash conventional arms in Europe.

US President George Bush suggested last May that an agreement could be completed in six months to a year.



Nyers: we should stand on our own feet

Hungary must stick to reforms, no slowing down: Nyers

BUDAPEST, Oct 11, (Reuters): Hungary must pursue economic reform and become independent of any reversal in the current Soviet drive for change. Rezo Nyers, president of Hungary's new Socialist Party, said yesterday.

But a day after Nyers was elected, leading Hungarian political scientist Mihaly Bihari expressed doubts over the new party's ability to take decisions.

And the centrist Hungarian Democratic Forum, Hungary's strongest opposition group, said it could be the chief beneficiary from the Communist Party's decision to vote itself out of existence and reform as the Socialist Party.

"We cannot base our own situation, our domestic policies, our reforms and economic policies on Soviet

President Mikhail Gorbachev's good will," Nyers told 600 party activists.

"We should be able to stand on our own feet even if the situation worsens for Gorbachevian policies."

Nyers said Hungary, committed to creating a mixed market economy, had suffered in the past by slowing the pace of reform.

"It is no solution for us to slow down what we are doing just because it is risky," he said.

Bihari, writing in the daily newspaper Nepszabadsag, said the new party "contains all the earlier contradictions."

There were fundamental differences between "reform

communists" and "reform socialists" in the 24-man presidium, which meant the party could not hold together

A four-day party Congress which ended on Monday Hungarian Socialist Workers Party — formally called the traditional communist principles and created a Western-style Socialist Party with a radical political programme.

But the presidium was only voted in after fierce fighting which took the party to the brink of a split.

Such radical reformers as Prime Minister Miklos Nemeth and State Minister Imre Pozsgay were forced to concede a number of seats to moderates.

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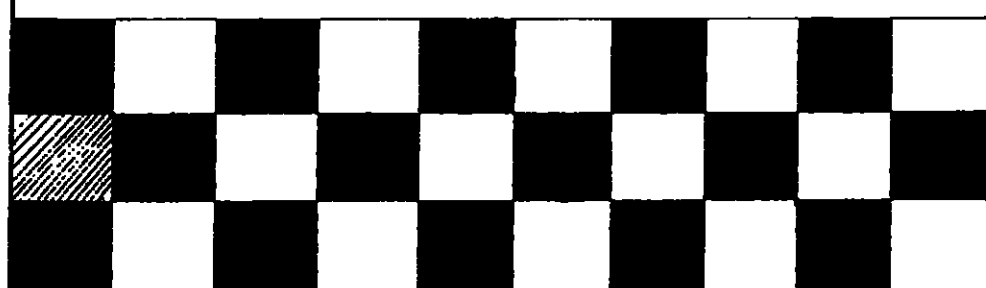
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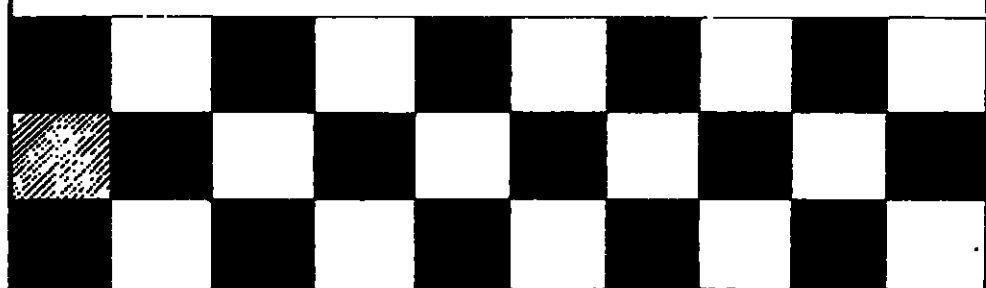
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Heat dries up fresh milk supply

45.5 per cent decline in production

By Fatima Ahmed
Arab Times staff

FRESH milk is in short supply due to Kuwait's summer heat drying up milk cows. Consumers in Kuwait are banking on the goodwill of grocers to get their daily supply.

Supply has declined by 45.5 per cent this

month.

"The problem is due to the heat drying up milk cows, production has fallen, and therefore supply," said Adel Shaker, manager of the Kuwait Dairy company, the largest supplier of fresh milk on the market.

Cows produce 15 to 30 per cent less milk in summer but this year, due to intense heat, production has further declined.

There are more than 10,000 cows at 33 dairy farms, which come under the Union of Fresh Milk Producers.

Priority

In the peak season, fresh milk supply reaches 132,000 litres per day. This month, supply has dwindled to 72,000 litres per day with priority given to "contract buyers".

Regular buyers are hospitals, army, co-

operative societies and Education Ministry. A moderate supply, which according to some grocers is down to 20 per cent, is being maintained for co-operatives and independent grocers. Door-to-door deliveries are also being maintained.

"We are trying to maintain proportional distribution," said Shaker. He believes the situation will improve after a month when cooler weather is expected.

Municipality laws must be reviewed, says Refai

THE Minister of State for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Al Sayed Abdul Mohsen Al Refai has confirmed the importance of amending the current law of Kuwait Municipality to match the prospect developments of the 1990's and the extend optimum services to citizens.

In an interview with a local daily, the minister said that amendments envisaged addressing citizens complaints relating to the current laws. Most complaints centred on the fire department, while some others focused on violations attributed to municipal inspectors.

Replying to a question on replenishing of the Fire Department budget, the minister said rationalisation is governed in keeping with the policy adopted by the government. He added that the municipality had rationalised the department's budget in view of the drastic drop in oil prices during the last few years, hinting that all government authorities were suffering budget problems.

He clarified that the Cabinet had previously requested all ministries to reduce expenditure by 15 per cent and it had become imperative that these directives be complied with.

He disclosed that the municipality is planning to expand its buildings, construct new parking and a high tower to be built in the centre of the municipality's three buildings. These plans will be implemented within the coming four years, the official said.

Transfer

On the issue of transferring the Fire Department to the Ministry of Interior, Refai said that this item along with other issues on the agenda of the department will be discussed within the framework of administrative development, including sorting out existing functional overlapping among state authorities. However, the official said this issue had been discussed with the Ministry of Public Health, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, though discussions with the fire department had still to be initiated.

Meanwhile, Refai had a meeting yesterday with the director general of the Fire Department Ahmed Al Abdurazzak. The meeting was attended by the deputies of the director general and senior officials of the Fire Department.

Iraq allocates \$2 million for Kuwaiti goods

THE Iraqi government has reportedly allocated two million dollars to cover the cost of products to be purchased from Kuwaiti companies during the Kuwait Commercial Week to be held in the Iraqi capital from November 26 to December 2.

Sources quoted a local daily as saying the purchases would be made at the Kuwait International Fair in equal shares so that all companies would receive a fair deal.

Informed commercial circles were quoted as saying the \$2 million is an appreciative gesture extended by Iraq in contribution to the activities of the Kuwaiti Commercial Week.

The daily quoted an official economist as saying that equality shares would be distributed justly in co-ordination between Kuwait and Iraq. Similar contributions would be made by Kuwait during the Iraqi Commercial Fair to be hosted by Kuwait early next year.



Salem meets with mukhtars

Minister of Interior, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah, met at his office today with the new mukhtars. The minister started the meeting with a speech in which he welcomed them and congratulated them on their appointment. The meeting was attended by the undersecretary of the Ministry of Interior, Major-General Yousef Bader Al Khorafi.

New investment policy at PAMA

14,658 beneficiaries at authority

THE deputy director-general of the Public Authority for Minors Affairs (PAMA) Abdul Mohsen Al Mohjem has said that the delay in processing some transactions is due to certain reservations with minors guardians. He stressed top-level government concern for the authority's services and advancement to keep pace with the technological advancement in various fields.

The court is the only agency that could endorse the continuity of guardianship over minors even through adulthood. PAMA would take in its custody non-Kuwaiti minors whose mothers were Kuwaitis, in compliance with a decision by the Minister of Interior, Mohjem said.

He pointed out that PAMA followed up minors' academic career in co-operation with specialists in education and social welfare societies and that this function also included those completing their studies abroad. He stressed that PAMA had rented a new building and laid down the related investment policy and training and information plans.

A special day has been allocated for the public to come forward with their complaints and recommendations. The collected rentals and minors' stipends were routed to the banks in their respective localities and neighbourhoods and real estate rentals would soon be collected via the Kuwait Finance House, Mohjem said.

He attributed the reformation from letting real estate to the scarcity of tenants, multiplicity

of offered real estates, and reluctance by the heirs to rent out these estates for small amounts.

He revealed PAMA's intention to organise a special informational campaign to cover its various activities and services in co-operation with information men at PAMA. A special short-term and long-term plan had been prepared for this purpose, whereby adequate information could be collected and made available to clients.

Mohjem pointed out that PAMA is preparing a special plan for integrated investment of minors' money whereby the highest possible returns could be guaranteed against minimum risks.

He added that PAMA would invest its minors' money collectively whether land, real estate, shares, buildings or others and that PAMA had remarkably invested in shares for the benefit of minors and to ensure the highest positive results.

PAMA would take firm measures against any custodian who failed to take proper care of the minors in their custody, and endeavoured to provide the best social and financial services to those under wing whereby to ensure an even level of psychological equilibrium in them, Mohjem said.

Field visits to families at homes would be made by PAMA representatives to appreciate their problems, circumstances and financial difficulties, and then strive hard to contribute to solving these problems and over-

coming all difficulties facing them. He added that PAMA also sponsored research in this field to help needy families benefit from well-defined monthly help, whether financial or others.

He said that the number of minors under PAMA's wing totalled 15,426 of whom 7,805 were females and 7,621 males, stressing that PAMA's services were made available to married minors in the best service of their social conditions.

He pointed out that the guardianship of minors by PAMA would end when the minor reached 21 unless otherwise seen necessary by the court for PAMA to continue taking the minor under its wing.

He pointed out that PAMA processed a total of 14,247 transactions involving financial dealings on behalf of minors, which covered 7999 open accounts over the last year, besides preparing reports on revenues and expenditures as well as assessing the financial situation of PAMA.

PAMA offered financial aid to many needy families and bore the cost of renovations and furnishings of house of such families which totalled KD 212,173, while receiving the stipend and monthly aid from the Social Security Authority, Amiri Diwan and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour at a total of KD 966,892 with a total of 3,662 beneficiaries.

He also said that the total number of beneficiaries from PAMA's services reached 14,648 and the total value of salaries of deceased was KD 51,847.

1000 doctors to attend 8th medical conference

THE secretary-general of the Kuwait Medical Society (KMS) and chairman of the KMS Silver Jubilee Honour Committee Dr Bader Hamadeh has said that the 8th Medical Conference to be held from November 6 to 9 would see 1000 doctors from Arab and foreign countries, with famous professors of medicine from well-known universities attending.

The coming event has received top support from HH the Amir, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, the ministers of Social Affairs and Labour and Interior and the ministries of Public Works and Water and Electricity.

He said that a number of sub-committees had already been formed emanating from the Public Relations Committee, including the Information, Reception and Seeing-off sub-committees.

Hamadeh stressed the important role played by the KMS in the country and its positive effects on the community as a whole and individuals, referring to the amendments introduced into the basic regulations of the KMS which would further enhance its role and vital services.

KMS will also celebrate its silver jubilee and a special function will be held on this occasion at which long-serving doctors would be honoured. This will also be applicable to members of the information and press media who had been credited for their positive co-operation in emphasising the "social" role and other important services undertaken by the KMS, Hamadeh said.

Car phones unnecessary, say drivers

PRIVATE telephones in vehicles have been increasing in number particularly during the past few years. Many subscribers use these telephones only to display a sense of importance and affluence.

A local daily conducted a survey to highlight citizens opinions on the vast spread of car phones and concluded that the sale of these instruments on easy instalments has encouraged more people to own them.

Ahmad Hamza Hussain said that he does not own a car phone because it is useless. He added that traffic flow is fast at most times and that it only takes a person a short time to reach any destination. Car phones are considered to be the major cause of road accidents, he added.

He believes that most subscribers are youth who tend to generally misuse the instrument. He indicated that women have a greater need for car phones in case they encounter car problems, or accidents. He stressed that only businessmen, security officers, lawyers and high officials require car telephones to be in constant touch with their offices or clients.

Hezar Al Thaki believes that car telephones are unnecessary due to their high cost. She stressed the vast spread of car phones proves the fact that many own these instruments to attract other people's attention. She pointed out that a large number of youth use telephone arials on their cars without owning a telephone only because it has become a status symbol.

Nasser Mansoor Mohammed said that only bankers, money exchange dealers, and businessmen should own car telephones, adding that unfortunately owning a car telephone has helped in the harassment of others, particularly girls.

Palestinian exhibition

THE Palestinian Heritage Exhibition to be organised by the Palestinian Women's Union in Kuwait will be inaugurated on Oct 24th under the auspices of Kuwait's Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmed Al Sabah.

The chairman of the union Siham Al-Dabbagh said that the idea of the exhibition was not a new one as the union had staged about 12 exhibitions in the past years in Kuwait and abroad.

She added that the exhibition will include a lot of handicrafts in addition to several maps of Palestine which dated back to 1783 AD and many caricatures depicting the Palestinian National Uprising in the occupied territories.

Higher committee meets

Organisation of three border centres discussed

THE higher committee set up to develop the border centres discussed during its last meeting held at the Interior Ministry earlier this week the outlines of the organisational structure of the three border cities at the border centres Abdali, Salmi and Nuwaiseeb which will be carried out in 1992. The committee headed by Interior Under-Secretary Major-General Yousef Al Kharaifi discussed the general programme to meet all requirements of the three proposed cities which include the architectural and landscaping aspects as well as services related to housing complexes, supermarkets, mosques, and health centres.

The committee consists of members representing Ministries of Interior, Awqaf, Health, Communications, General Customs Authority and Public Authority for Agriculture. The committee decided to hold a monthly meeting and the next meeting was decided to be held on 1st of November. The meeting will be specialised to determine the requirements of relevant ministries that are related to the establishment of the three border cities. It will also discuss inviting companies to bid for tenders to carry out the different projects at these cities. The committee was set up by Crown Prince and Prime Minister after his recent visit to the border centres.

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ABU DHABI, Oct 11, (Kuna): Board of the Gulf Air Corporation held its 33rd ordinary session here today to discuss future plans and accomplishments achieved in the past period.

The meeting sources told Kuwait News Agency that the one day meeting that groups delegations of the owner countries, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and

the United Arab Emirates, will follow up what has been implemented of resolutions taken during the board's recent meeting that was held in Doha last June.

Among the resolutions is one regarding the increase of Gulf Air's capital from 40 million Bahraini dinars to BD64 million.

Each owner country has equal shares in the capital that amount

to BD 10 million.

The sources expected Gulf Air to gain more profits this year, than 1988 when it gained BD2.583 million against its loss of BD2.900 million in 1987.

Gulf Air last April 5 signed a loan agreement of \$208 million with Arab and international banks operating in Bahrain to purchase four new Boeing 767.

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Computer centre visited

The Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah accompanied by the member of the Libyan Revolutionary Council Major Al Khawadri Al Handali and the accompanied delegation inspected yesterday the Computer Centre of the Interior Ministry. They were received by the director-general of the centre Fahad Jaafar who explained to them the systems and projects applied by the centre.

Protect legal rights of children: Awadi

Warning against inter-family violence

DR BADRIYA Awadi delivered a lecture at the Kuwait Lawyers Society recently within the framework of the Arab Child Day celebrations, under the title "The inadequacy of Legal Protection of Children in Kuwait".

Awadi called for training and educating children on their legal rights and said that publications to this effect must be sponsored and the media must assume their role in disseminating such information which should be incorporated in school curricula.

She added that special legislation should be adopted outlining children's rights, particularly for the handicapped, and strict measures adopted to protect children from illegal practices both at the local and regional level.

She referred to the international agreement on children's rights which stressed among other things, the child's right to nationality, being one of the basic needs.

Awadi said that the articles from 189-199 under the Kuwaiti personal status law for 1984 on child custody, particularly in reference to children whose parents are separated, provided that the guardian must be a mentally-able adult, capable of providing the child with the education, health care and attention needed.

Guardianship
She pointed out that the court only had the right to decide if the guardian of the child met these conditions, in the best interest of the child. Under article 194 the guardianship of women over the male child expires with the child reaching adulthood, and over the female child when she gets married.

Legislative material as such did not provide the guarantee to protect the child's right if the guardian failed to meet his obligations, Awadi said.

She added that under article 195, the guardian had no right to travel with the child with the intention of staying during his guardianship period, unless with

prior permission from the custodian. She pointed out that these rights led to a conflict of interests between the parents whose differences led to separation, while the legal material provided no provisions to protect the child's interest under such circumstances.

Awadi pointed out that under article 196, the custodian had no right to prevent the child's parents or grandparents from seeing the child, and the court had the right to specify the date and place for this encounter. However, no administrative or executive means were made available to facilitate the right of the custodian to see the child, being the mother or father or any other family member without inflicting psychological damage on the child.

She added that such cases, as recorded at the Department of Execution in Kuwait, indicate that the court rulings for parents to meet their children were either implemented at police stations, at one of the child's relation's residence, in the car, public garden and similar other such places that are not appropriate for meeting with the child.

Safeguards
In order to protect children from illegal practices and safeguard their interest against any act of breach, Awadi said that the Kuwaiti Penal Code and Juvenile Law for 1983 provided for punitive measures and legal and administrative procedures aimed at deterring the perpetrators of such crimes.

The code also provided for 15 years imprisonment for abduction, elongating the duration of such protection up to the age of 21, instead of the previously 16, while the penalty for abduction with the intention of killing, harming or raping the child was life in jail.

Under article 183, abduction of a new born baby or hiding him or even substituting him for another is punishable by a jail term not exceeding 10 years. Previously, it was treated under the law of misdemeanour.

She also said that the penal code for crimes perpetrated against female children's honour could recommend the death penalty, if the crime is perpetrated by those who were supposed to provide care and custody for the child.

She pointed out that under the Juvenile Law for 1983, the delinquent child has been immunised against any punitive measures prescribed under the Penal Code, with a view to rehabilitating the juvenile from the social and psychological viewpoint.

The annual report released by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour for 1988, has shown a lack of consistency in certain articles which victimised the child, such as polygamy, separation and failure to provide decent upbringing to children, which came third as reason for juvenile delinquency, Awadi said.

She urged for constraining polygamous practices in the interest of children and rationalising the use of spouses of their right to separation, whereby to reduce the negative effects and social repercussions resulting from juvenile delinquency, being an integral whole requiring all-out attention.

She underlined the lack of attention to disabled children, pointing out that disabled children were more attended to form a purely humanitarian aspect. Despite the government's efforts to establish special institutions for the welfare of the disabled and rehabilitation centres, it is still a substantial pre-requisite to publicly announce the right of the disabled child to special treatment and care.

She warned against inter-family violence as another major cause for legislation to protect children against crimes committed by their next of kin, particularly when the majority of these cases fail to be reported to the authorities.

She also urged for the need to legislate against child exploitation taking advantage of their young age, and their lack for legal coverage under the penal code.

Improve services for disabled: Alghanim

1990 — Year of disabled child

THE Arab countries participating in the 8th regional conference for the Arab societies held in Cairo yesterday, have called for considering the year 1990 a year of particular significance for the disabled child.

Rehabilitation

Egypt's first lady Susan Mubarak delivered the opening speech in which she said that 1990 would be a special occasion for studying the situation of the disabled

child and his problems with emphasis on ways to sort out these problems on the basis of a well-studied scientific approach.

She made a number of suggestions which dealt with ways to solving problems facing disabled children in the Arab world and efforts at rehabilitating them. These covered the need to organise an information campaign, a national programme capable of application, and an equal chance to participate in all activities in keeping with their disability.

She added that special instructors must be trained and oriented in the best ways to deal with the disabled, stressing the need for setting up a regional centre for the rehabilitation of the disabled, which could make use of surplus manpower in certain sectors. Abdullah Alghanim, Kuwait representative said that the purpose of holding this conference is to establish priorities and improve the services rendered to the disabled in the Arab world. Additional attempts should be exerted to

reach an agreement on a fixed and continuous plan for co-operation between all Arab societies and the world organisation, putting the media to optimum use.

He stressed the need for stepping up public education and awareness to ensure that no child lost the gift of sight due to the lack of vitamin A. On an annualised basis it is estimated that 250,000 children lose their eyesight due to the deficiency, Alghanim said.

Afforestation Week to be celebrated October 15-21

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

THE Zayed Park at Doha area in Kuwait financed by Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan the President of United Arab Emirates is currently being implemented in the on-going afforestation plan of Kuwait, according to the chairman of the General Authority for Agriculture and Fish Resources, Sheikh Ibrahim Dusi Al Sabah.

During a press conference held yesterday at the authority's premises on the occasion of the 'Afforestation Week' in Kuwait the official said that Sheikh Zayed's project in Kuwait is implemented by the authorities of Abu Dhabi Emirate.

He added that 'Afforestation Week' festival will begin from Oct 15 to 21, to mark the beginning of the second year of implementing the afforestation plan in Kuwait.

Dusi said that this on-going plan is designed to be completed with a time-frame of two years. Additionally, tenders for implementing intermediate and long-term afforestation plans have been awarded in keeping with the wishes of HH the Amir.

He added that the authority is empowered to undertake the entire responsibility of completing all phases of Kuwait's afforestation plan. This has been achieved by centralising the working of the plan with the authority.

Contribution

In a spirit of understanding Kuwait's co-operative societies have readily contributed an amount equivalent to 20 per cent of their profits towards financing afforestation of their respective areas. Such a contribution will be disbursed under the supervision of the respective governorate's councils, the official said.

He added that the main aim of the Higher Afforestation Committee is to activate afforestation projects. These require pre-determined feasibility studies instead of experiments. Accordingly an intermediate and long term plan was tailored. Next came the study of soil in Kuwait. Results will be determined after two years of co-ordinated activity between KISR, MEW and the authority.

Speaking about the various types of plants and trees planted in the country, the official said that palms, Athair, Sarda and Alkina are the ideally suited due to the severe weather of Kuwait which causes plants to become dry and die. However, the authority is selecting the most adaptable of these plants and trees that can weather the heat and dryness here.

He added that the celebration of Afforestation Week will begin in Ahmadia Governorate next Sunday under the auspices of the Crown Prince and Premier. During the celebrations trees and plants will be distributed to the public.



Taiwan National Day

The representative of commercial office of Taiwan, Kenneth Y.S. Keh (centre) hosted a reception on the occasion of National Day of Taiwan. Keh and Mrs. Keh are seen receiving Mohammed Darwish Al Aradi, the undersecretary of Amiri Diwan.

Liquor and drug control

Vigilant eye on smugglers

COL. Abdullah Al Farhan, director of the Liquor and Drug Control Department, has said that the department is co-ordinating closely with the relevant authorities to curb drug trafficking.

He told "Al Dhakhiliya" magazine that the department co-operated with anti-narcotics agencies in the world to combat dealing in drugs and smuggling activities. It followed up investigations of suspects carried out by the drugs and liquor prosecution at the Ministry of Justice to ensure that they got the right penalty. It also kept a vigilant eye on the country's exits to ensure that no such contraband could find access into the country.

The department also co-ordinated with the Ministry of Health regarding adequate control over shipment of pharmaceuticals involving barbiturates, sleeping pills, psychoactive drugs and others to curb

related abuse at hospitals and curb the possible access of such material to addicts.

He pointed out that under the new anti-narcotic law for 1983, strict penalties were passed against drug smuggling, proper actions were arranged by the department against cases referred by the Ministry of Public Health involving drug-abuse and unprescribed usage of psychoactive drugs.

He said that inter-GCC co-operation in the field of narcotic control grew more and more effective due to the shared natural qualities and regional similarities between the member states. The legal formula of this co-operation is characterised with simplicity and freedom from obstructive red tape.

The total number of cases up to the first half of 89 were 76, in which more than 125 people were implicated, and 43 Kg of contraband and 330 pills were confiscated, Farhan said.

Indian labour team to tour Gulf region

NEW DELHI, Oct 11, (Kuna): A high-power Indian delegation, led by Labour Secretary Suresh Mathur, will visit the Gulf nations shortly as a part of effort to improve India's share in the highly competitive labour market in this region.

About one million Indian skilled and unskilled workers are currently working in the Gulf states and they repatriate several billion dollars in the form of foreign exchange.

The mounting unemployment in the country has prompted the government to tap full potential of the Gulf labour market.

The delegation to the Gulf countries will explore prospects of triggering a larger labour flow from India. This is the first time that a mission of this type is being undertaken.

The team, which will visit Saudi Arabia, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates includes besides Mathur, K.B. Fabian and A.K. Luthra. The delegation will exchange views with officials from these countries on several labour-related issues.

The Indian government also wants to have government to government agreement with these nations for the supply of manpower.

India had already finalised such accords with Qatar and Jordan.

KTAA offers international travel diploma training

KUWAIT Travel and Tourism Agencies Association has been recognised as authorised training centre to offer classroom training in internationally recognised travel diploma. Diploma is achieved by self-study and offered jointly by IATA (International Air Transport Association) and UFTAA (Universal Federation of Travel Agents Association) Robert Mauroux, a senior executive of Geneva based IATA and Adel Y. Al Shamali director Training and Development of Kuwait Airways, specially honoured by KTAA in appreciation and recognition of local co-ordination of these programmes for the last ten years.

Tariq Al Naqib, secretary general of KTAA appreciated the support given by Training and Development Department, instructors of KAC for offering regular courses for staff of more

than 160 travel agency staff who are developing their skills for better customer service.

Mauroux, made a slide presentation of IATA international training programmes used worldwide in the countries. More than 40,000 students have already benefitted from this programme in a special felicitation function held recently in Hotel Meridien. Special appreciation was given to Mohammed Al Mershed, manager Commercial Training of KAC and Shashi Desai, moderator of IATA training programmes in the Middle East and all commercial instructors of KAC.

Kuwait Travel and Tourism Agencies Association will continue to offer "Commercial Aviation Diploma" to young prospective member employees for their career development Tariq Al Naqib added.

Drunk lashed

ABU DHABI, Oct 11, (Reuter): A 30-year-old woman was given 80 lashes with a whip after being found drunk in public in United Arab Emirates (UAE), police said today.

The unidentified woman was whipped in public yesterday in Ras Al Khaymah, 300 km (185 miles) north of Abu Dhabi.

UAE hotels serve alcohol but Muslims found in a drunken state in public are jailed or whipped.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Egyptian preacher

KUWAIT, Oct 11, (Kuna): HH the Amir today granted an audience to Egyptian Muslim preacher Mohammed Mutwalli Sha'rawi on the occasion of his visit to the country.

Proposal

GENEVA, Oct 11, (Kuna): The debt initiative proposed by His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah and endorsed by the recent Non-Aligned Summit came up for mention here yesterday at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Iraqi envoy

KUWAIT, Oct 11, (Kuna): Iraq's Ambassador to Kuwait Assim Youkub Yousef today said that Kuwaiti-Iraqi relations will take a new form and content following the recent visit to Baghdad by HH the Amir.

The results of the visit will materialise in the near future, the diplomat said in a statement to a local daily.

UK attache

KUWAIT, Oct 11, (Kuna): Education Undersecretary Abdulrahman Al Khodari today received at his office newly accredited cultural attache at the British embassy here Frank Frankel.

Swearing-in

KUWAIT, Oct 11, (Kuna): Five Kuwaiti prosecutors today were sworn in front of the Kuwaiti Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs Dhari Abdullah Al Othman at his office in the presence of Public Prosecutor Ghazi Obaid Al Sammar.

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New corporate identity for Air-India

AIR-INDIA is all set to launch its new Corporate Identity Programme on Oct 15, 1989 with the roll-out of its Boeing 747 the Emperor "Rajendra Chola", the first aircraft to cross the skies in gleaming brand new colours. The newly-diver aircraft will operate AI-111 of Oct 16 from Bombay to New York via Delhi and London.

The launch of Air-India's new Corporate Identity Programme is the culmination of a series of innovative measures and all-round improvements introduced recently to transform the character of the airline and reinforce its position as a premier international carrier in tune with the times. The current livery with the arched Rajasthani windows dates back to 1971 — the beginning of the Jumbo era. It was widely felt that it was time for a change... for a new image in keeping with Air-India's new corporate goals and marketing strategies aimed at the high-flying business traveller... a fresh "New Look" reflecting the dynamic, forward-looking and sophisticated Air-India of today.

Air-India retained M. S. Landor Associates of San Francisco, International Identity Management Consultants, to revamp and refurbish

its corporate image, in keeping with what is being done by major airlines worldwide.

However, there are no plans to change the Maharajah, Air-India's well-loved little mascot who will continue to be part of the airline's advertising and sales promotion campaigns.

Apart from Air-India's fleet of 21 aircraft whose external livery and re-designed interiors will be completed by the end of 1990, the "New Look" will be visible on a host of items of general use in the airline such as baggage tags, boarding passes, tickets, booking offices, signage and the airline's stationery which will progressively reflect the new identity — an exercise spread over a period of two years.

With its vibrant, contemporary New Look, the steps being taken to introduce significant improvements in all areas of its operations, and a clear-cut marketing strategy to meet both its long and short term objectives, Air-India is geared to attract an increasing proportion of high-yield, trend-setting, discerning business travellers on its services.

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Thought for today

MAY God defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies — Francois Voltaire, French writer-philosopher (1694-1778).

Profiles of men jailed with Mandela

MOST of the seven men sentenced with Nelson Mandela to life in prison for sabotage and plotting to overthrow the government were arrested in July 1963 during a police raid on their headquarters, a farm in the Johannesburg suburb of Rivonia.

Mandela was already in prison in a separate case, but became a defendant in the so-called Rivonia treason trial because he helped found spear of the nation, the military wing of the African National Congress.

Here are profiles of the other seven sentenced on June 12, 1964.

Walter Sisulu

Sisulu ran the day-to-day operations of the ANC as secretary-general from 1949-54, when the government ordered him to resign. He was one of the ANC's most important leaders in the years when it grew from a small organisation into a mass movement. He helped organise the national defiance campaign against apartheid laws in 1952.

Born May 18, 1912, in the Xhosa homeland of Transkei, he joined the ANC in 1940 and formed the Youth League in 1943 to press for more aggressive tactics. After his acquittal along with 155 other defendants in a 1956-61 treason trial, Sisulu was restricted to his house, arrested six times, and finally convicted of furthering the aims of the newly outlawed ANC. While on bail pending appeal he went underground and was captured three months later at Rivonia.

Govan Mbeki

A journalist, teacher, and author of two books, Mbeki was the African National Congress national chairman when he was arrested at Rivonia. As a leader in the Xhosa tribal homeland of Transkei, he made the eastern Cape Province the strongest centre of ANC support in the early 1950s.

MBEKE was born July 18, 1910, to a prosperous cattle-owning chief and earned university degrees in education and economics. He joined the ANC as a student in 1934 and the Communist Party in 1950.

He was acquitted on a technicality in 1962 of violating the explosives act, and was placed under house arrest, but in 1963 disappeared underground until the Rivonia raid. He was identified at the trial as secretary of the Military Wing High Command.

Mbeki was freed unconditionally in November 1987 after serving 23 years of his life term, in what the government said was a test for the possible release of Mandela.

Dennis Goldberg

Goldberg, 56, the only white convicted at the Rivonia trial, was the first to be freed, after he agreed to renounce violence in March 1985. He was deported to Israel, but went immediately to London. He works full-time in the ANC's mail-order business, mainly selling T-shirts. He also lectures in Britain and elsewhere.

Goldberg's parents were members of the Communist Party in Cape Town, where he was born in 1933.

Ahmed Kathrada

Kathrada, arrested at the age of 17 for participation in a passive resistance campaign in 1946, was a member of the ANC Military Wing's High Command. He is one of only two Rivonia trial defendants who denied all the charges against him, and was convicted on only one count, sabotage.

Kathrada was born Aug. 21, 1929, in the western Transvaal to a scholarly Muslim family, and became involved in political activism at age 11. He joined the Communist Party in the early 1940s and as general secretary of the Transvaal Indian Congress, was instrumental in linking it to the ANC. He was acquitted in the 1956-61 mass treason trial, but was placed under house arrest in October, 1962.

Raymond Mhlaba

Mhlaba denied the charges against him in the Rivonia trial, in particular that he was a member of the High Command of the ANC's Military Wing. But he has been identified in the South African press as the man who became commander-in-chief of the Military Wing after Mandela's arrest.

In 1952, Mhlaba was the first ANC leader to be arrested as part of the nation-wide defiance campaign, when he led a group of blacks through the "whites only" entrance to a train station.

He was born Dec. 2, 1920, in the southern city of Port Beaufort, the son of a policeman. He dropped out of school and worked in the nearby city of Port Elizabeth, where he became active in trade unions. He joined the Communist Party in 1943 and was district secretary from 1946 until it was banned in 1960.

Mhlaba joined the ANC in 1944 and from 1947-53 was branch chairman in Port Elizabeth, where he worked closely with Govan Mbeki. He was elected to the ANC's Cape Province executive committee in 1954 and was banned from 1956-57, but continued his political activities until his arrest at Rivonia.

Elias Mokoaleli

As a founder of the ANC Military Wing's Johannesburg regional command, Mokoaleli hid recruits and helped send them abroad for military training and procuring armaments, according to evidence at the Rivonia trial. He said he joined the Military Wing in 1962.

Born in Sekhukuneland in northern Transvaal on July 26, 1924, the son of a migrant labourer, Mokoaleli worked in Johannesburg as a servant, and in boot and furniture factories. He joined the Communist Party in 1949, and the ANC in 1948, becoming a member of the provincial executive.

Andrew Mlangeni

Mlangeni said at the Rivonia trial he had agreed to carry messages for the ANC's armed wing, but denied he was a member. He was arrested at the farm, and was accused during the trial of being responsible for explosives and being a member of the Johannesburg command.

Born in Johannesburg on May 30, 1926, he worked as a golf caddy to pay for his schooling, and later as a clerk, bus driver and journalist. He joined the ANC in 1951 and was regional secretary for the township of Soweto from 1958-60, before he went underground. (Johannesburg AP)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1492 — Christopher Columbus discovers America.
- 1822 — Brazil becomes independent of Portugal.
- 1908 — South Africa constitutional convention meets in Durban.
- 1925 — Uprising in Syria.
- 1934 — Peter II becomes king of Yugoslavia following assassination of his father, King Alexander.
- 1942 — American forces defeat Japanese in battle of Cape Esperance on Guadalcanal in World War II.
- 1945 — Allied control council in Germany orders dissolution of Nazi Party after World War II.
- 1956 — Britain tells Israel it will assist Jordan if latter is attacked.
- 1960 — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev upsets decorum of UN General Assembly by pounding desk with his shoe.
- 1962 — India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru says Indian Army has been ordered to oust Chinese forces from Indian territory near Tibetan border.
- 1964 — Army forces take control in South Vietnam, ousting government of Major General Nguyen Khanh in bloodless coup.
- 1969 — Soviet Union launches Soyuz VII spacecraft with three men aboard to join two men in orbit in Soyuz VI.
- 1975 — Pope Paul VI canonizes an Irish archbishop, Oliver Plunkett, who was executed by the British in 1681.
- 1987 — Palestinian commandos, backed by Sunni Muslim gunmen, fight Shiite militiamen for control of strategic villages in south Lebanon.
- 1988 — Czech President Gustav Husak appoints new government following resignation of premier and his cabinet.

Jordan gears up for polls

First chance in 22 years

ELECTION fever is spreading in Jordan a month ahead of a poll which will give voters their first chance in 22 years to choose a new parliament.

Aspiring candidates are feasting voters and upstaging rivals, hoping to capture the limelight as individuals. Political parties have been banned in Jordan since 1957, so candidates of all persuasions must stand as independents.

Some hold informal rallies or appeal to their constituents' stomachs, throwing feasts of mansaf, the national dish, a huge platter of spiced rice, mutton and yoghurt eaten with the hand.

"I went to a lunch where the host had slaughtered 150 sheep to feed his guests. Then he explained his election plan," said a resident of Fuheis village just outside Amman.

Strictly speaking, parliamentary hopefuls are banned from campaigning until they register formally as candidates three weeks before the Nov 8 election.

But many of the estimated 1,000 who plan to compete for the 80 seats in the new assembly are avidly wooing electors and haggling over electoral lists with their allies and rivals.

"There's a new atmosphere," one Western diplomat said. "Everybody is talking politics and holding endless meetings."

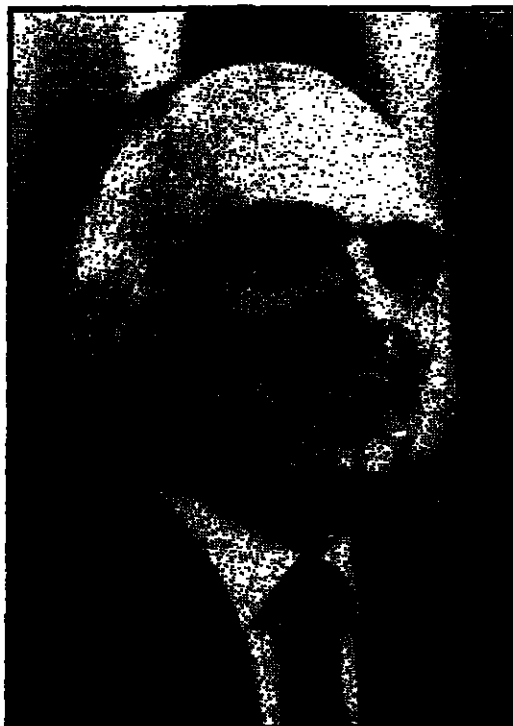
King Hussein dissolved the previous lower house, in which West Bank deputies held half the seats, just before cutting Jordan's ties with the Israeli-occupied territory in July 1988.

Riots over political and economic issues in April this year accelerated plans to replace the old 60-seat chamber, originally elected a few weeks before the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Parliamentary hopefuls are printing manifestos and preparing notices for newspapers — which have shrewdly raised their advertising fees — to be used when official campaigning gets under way.

Aspiring candidates are unveiling their programmes at seminars and panels organised by charitable societies, professional syndicates or women's groups, which often turn into lively public debates.

Rival candidates sometimes slip in to these events,



King Hussein

slightly handing out business cards that name their electoral district.

Mosques are not supposed to be used for campaigning. But some preachers are referring to the election in their sermons and urging the faithful to vote for Islamist candidates.

"The election law is unfair," said Walid Abdul Hadi, president of the Jordan Bar Association, who plans to stand. "Three weeks of formal campaigning is not enough for the people to get to know their candidates."

Another candidate, who has rented a house to

receive guests and installed two computers for his campaign, agreed.

"With such limitations, you can sell your ideas only by receiving or visiting people, going to social gatherings, using your social position and knocking on people's doors," he said.

Prospective candidates serve Arabic coffee and sweets when they receive voters at their offices, homes or in "madafa" — large open-sided tents used as meeting places by clans and tribes.

Wives of would-be deputies and women standing in their own right are courting the distaff side, urging women to make up their own minds rather than vote for candidates favoured by their husbands.

This is no easy task. "My husband will divorce me if I don't follow his choice," one woman told a female canvasser. Another said her husband would not let her vote at all because he was barred from casting a ballot as a member of the armed forces.

Former cabinet ministers, senior civil servants, powerful tribal chiefs and even some of the deputies who held West Bank seats in the old parliament will run.

Government sources say article 18 of the electoral law, which bars members of political parties from standing, will be applied loosely to avoid detracting from the poll's credibility.

Communists, Arab nationalists, pro-Iraqi or pro-Syrian Baathists, leftist Palestinians and Muslim fundamentalists are planning to field candidates.

But the weighting of constituencies, which favours the countryside over the city and reserves 18 seats for Christians, Circassians and Bedouin tribes, gives little chance for radicals of any hue to dominate the new house.

Jordanians of Palestinian origin, numerous among the three million-stay population, may vote and stand, but the mainstream Palestine Liberation Organisation is not playing an active role in the campaign, Palestinian sources say.

At least one exhausted candidate will be glad when it is all over. "For the past month I have had 18 hours a day of tough talks and not much sleep," he said. (Amman — Reuters)

A guerrilla's lesson in land reform

THE MAN who launched the Philippine guerrilla army 20 years ago is now giving the government a lesson in land reform.

Commander Dante once led the communist New People's Army in a fight against feudalism, but has renounced armed struggle and heads a co-operative to help 5,000 farmers escape from poverty.

Government officials say his project in the northern province of Tarlac is a model for President Corazon Aquino's land reform programme, intended to break up big agricultural estates and make farmers self-sufficient.

"We are addressing the problems of the farmers," says Dante, who was a 17-year-old son of a rice farmer when he took up arms. "They want to better their lives."

Now a boyish-looking 44 whose real name is Bernabe Buscayno, Dante says he made the correct decision in 1968 when he was released after 10 years in prison and renounced armed struggle.

His release came after a popular Army revolt toppled then President Ferdinand Marcos and swept Corazon Aquino to power.

"Now I think it's far, far better to be engaged in this kind of political work," he says.

"I am better here directly practising my politics," Dante told Reuters recently in the village of Santa Rita, where he helped found the NPA in March, 1969, and the Farmers Co-operative one year ago. He said he had abandoned romantic ideas and become more objective.

It's a big switch from his past. Dante, a soft-spoken self-educated man, was once the NPA's most formidable field tactician. As a young revolutionary he was notorious for walking calmly up to soldiers and policemen and shooting them dead.

The Philippine military accused him of 25 murders while he was still a young man.

His original band of 37 men with 35 guns in 1969 grew by the 1980s to more than 20,000 guerrillas with thousands of high-powered automatic weapons.

The NPA goes on fighting in many parts of the country, but farmers described the area around Santa Rita, once an NPA stronghold considered off limits by soldiers, as a quiet oasis.

Dante says five to 10 percent of the farmers at the 6,400-hectare (15,800-acre) co-operative are former guerrillas, 20 per cent ex-communist party cadres and the rest supporters.

Dominador Banaag, who helps farmers grow rice and raise goats in the nearby mountain village of Kalangitan, says he spent nearly two decades as NPA commander. He was captured in 1987, released a year later and was persuaded by Dante to



Commander Dante (right) talks with farmers near rice fields at an agricultural co-operative he heads in Tarlac province, north of Manila. (Reuters wirephoto)

join the co-operative.

"It was hard before," says the wiry 58-year-old, sitting at a roadside shack bordering flooded rice fields.

"We worked the land a little, then we hid ... now it's safe to help the people and to move about," he says. "We don't have to hide anymore."

Those working with Dante spoke glowingly of him, but some residents outside the co-operative said they were worried he might be developing some new kind of power base.

Farmers say life has changed in the area since the

days when their parents were so buried in debt they secretly worked the fields at night to keep some of the land for their harvest.

Most farmers in the project have small plots of land and the co-operative provides technical help, overseas grain trading and pools supplies, seeds and equipment.

Growers who used to squeeze one harvest a year from the land for lack of fertiliser, pesticide and seeds now have three crops, and in some cases have tripled yield per hectare. (Santa Rita, Philippines — Reuters)

Letters to the editor

We like Urdu pages

SIR: It is highly regretting to know that the Urdu pages from the Arab Times have simply vanished from the newspaper. These pages were the last straw of the people who could not read English nor Arabic. The TV news is also of very little use to such people.

It is quite surprising that the "Day by Day" column of Zahed Matar did not catch the attention. Where as he keeps a watch on every single activity around him, even what the people are eating and drinking around. How come he did not observe the problems, which we are facing without a newspaper. Even now the people who don't have time to watch the TV or understand the language, steal time while travelling or waiting for the bus to read the newspaper.

I need not point out to the authorities that Urdu is the second most spoken language in the Gulf countries after Arabic. Kuwait has provided it's citizens and expatriates with the top most facilities and it was all the more appreciated by the Asians for the Urdu pages, which was published from no other countries except Kuwait. It was really a "jewel in the crown."

Not only that, in countries like France and England, where the Arabic speaking population is just like a drop in the ocean, the best of Arabic newspapers are published.

As regarding the popularity, the Arab Times was one of the best newspapers circulated in the Gulf countries and Urdu pages were the plus points. Not only are the Urdu speaking population in Kuwait but also in the Gulf countries were completely

disappointed and are still keeping their fingers crossed to catch a glimpse and keep themselves attached to the world through this very important mass media.

This letter is a request on the behalf of my many Urdu speaking friends and readers to the authorities of the esteemed Arab Times newspaper, to give again a second thought and take into consideration the plights of the common man and the Urdu readers.

Hoping for the most favourable consideration.

Mrs Raufa Ansari
Kuwait

Urdu pages please

SIR: This month, Arab Times has not carried the Urdu pages. I would like to know the reason for not bringing out the Urdu pages. Daily, we go to the bookshelves to get the Arab Times with the Urdu pages, but they are not there. I used to buy the newspaper for the Urdu pages. We are Pakistani and we got news about our country from the Urdu paper. That is why, we appeal to you to reconsider the publication of the Urdu section. Our appeal is addressed to chief editor Ahmed Al Jarallah, and if he considers our request, we will thank him.

All Jan Siddiqui Jordan

Coverage excessive

SIR: The Arab Times should be re-named the Philippine Times, as the coverage given to this section of the expatriate community is excessive to

say the least.

The Arab Times is read by a wide range of nationalities who must be as annoyed as I am, or at least plain bored at being confronted with the Philippines and its community in Kuwait, day after day.

I will be monitoring this situation closely and won't hesitate to change the newspaper I read if this unfair bias continues.

E. Haidar
Ahmadi

Republish Urdu pages

SIR: Arab Times was the first newspaper in the world which published Urdu pages along with English pages and both were equally popular in Kuwait and other neighbouring countries.

The Urdu pages, in fact bore very high standard of journalism and were satisfying the thirst of Urdu readers in Middle East. The decision to discontinue Urdu pages is very sad. The large number of Urdu speaking expatriates were benefitted with this "journal for all."

The Urdu pages, in fact had given the Arab Times distinct and unique position in the mass media. I appeal to the authorities to republish the Urdu pages as the other Kuwaiti English newspaper is still publishing the Malayalam pages for its Indian readers who are certainly not in majority than Urdu speaking expatriates of Pakistan and India.

Abu Fawaz
Fahsheel

Kurds are clear losers

TRAPPED in the middle of a war between Kurdish Marxist separatists and government forces, Turkey's Kurdish minority has become the clear loser of the 5-year-old conflict.

At least 2,000 people have died in violence — 700 of them local farmers — and thousands more have fled their southeastern villages for the shelter of cities or safer regions in Turkey.

The bloodshed is the result of the outlawed Kurdish Labour Party's guerrilla campaign to establish an independent Marxist state.

About 20 million Kurds live in a landlocked region where the Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq and Turkey meet. Turkey has the largest number of Kurds, an estimated 10 million, or almost one-fifth of the country's total population.

The Kurds' simmering resentment toward Turkish security forces came to the surface Sept 19 when a crowd marched to the city hall in Silopi, 1,120 kms (700 miles) southeast of Ankara, to protest the killings of six people two days earlier. The march quickly turned into a clash with police.

Security forces said the six dead people were guerrillas. Local residents claim they were innocent farmers on their way to the town market to sell fruit when they were taken away by security forces and shot as suspected rebels.

"It is very sad but the people are right. Our investigation in the town and taped testimony of many witnesses support their claim," said Nurettin Yilmaz, a Member of Parliament from Premier Turgut Ozal's government Motherland Party.

Yilmaz and two other deputies have sent their findings to the premier in a written report, urging prosecution of those responsible. There has been no reaction from Ozal; meanwhile local officials have said the affair is under investigation.

"The Silopi incident is the first clear and loud ringing of alarm bells," said Mehmet Ali Birand, one of Turkey's most outspoken commentators on the Kurdish problem.

For years, local residents have complained that if they don't help the guerrillas, they'll "shoot a bullet in the head. If they do, they face imprisonment and in many cases, torture by government forces."

Security officials, who speak on condition of anonymity, said it is difficult to distinguish the guerrillas from the farmers and herdsmen of the 300 hamlets in the region.

Former Premier Bulent Ecevit, who toured the region recently and wrote his impressions for the weekly Nokta (Spot), said: "Each group does see other group's attire if necessary. It is hard to tell who is a terrorist, who is a soldier, who is a peasant."

Some officials admit privately that local support for the guerrillas is increasing, mainly from fear and in some cases resentment over mistreatment by government forces.

Residents complain most about the special anti-terrorist police based in the southeast. Members of Parliament said:

"Maybe it is because of their commando training but they are very harsh with the local people," Yilmaz said.

"The people are increasingly becoming alienated from the state. There is cause for anxiety," said Fuat Atalay, a Social Democrat deputy from Diyarbakir, the largest province in the area.

During a recent parliamentary debate, Interior Minister Abdulkadir Akis defended government policies, saying the regional governor was using few of the powers to which he is entitled under the current state of emergency declared in eight provinces.

Asku said the governor had refrained from imposing curfews and only those suspected of aiding and harbouring rebels are detained. He argued that police and soldiers are trying to save lives in an area where the guerrillas had killed 618 civilians and 336 security personnel in the last two years.

The aspirations and grievances of the Kurdish minority, a taboo subject in Turkey until recent years, now find expression even in parliamentary debates although no group, besides the Kurdish Labour Party, is pushing for secession or autonomy. (Ankara — AP)

Quote me

"Had I not been arrested, I would have gone on to start production of land mines and grenades and timing devices and so on. Bomb-making is a pejorative term. My people said that what I was doing was just and justified." — Denis Goldberg, who was sentenced for 21 years in prison by the apartheid regime in South Africa for plotting to overthrow the regime.

"In a country where prison is the norm in the lives of most black South Africans, it was perhaps a way of identifying that we could survive and come out relatively whole people is really a victory over people who try to smash us. I certainly do not repudiate my past actions. I do not repudiate the armed struggle, I think it's essential." — Denis Goldberg sharing his prison experience for defying apartheid.

"I've had some suffering ... lots of people have died. People are getting hanged, people are getting shot. I'm alive, life's great. Goldberg's son on reunion with him (Goldberg) after being released 21 years later."

"I didn't count every day I was in prison, but I calculated it. It was there, 7,904 days. I don't regret one day, it was worth it." — Anti-apartheid activist Denis Goldberg of his imprisonment for his part in trying to overthrow the despotic regime in Pretoria.

"There's a lot of softness and gentleness outside that is enriching. It sounds corny but it's very, very true. I find life incredibly exciting, fulfilling and worthwhile." — Denis Goldberg comparing his prison life with freedom in London.

"I find that when I do sit down to write about it, I simply don't sleep. A recollection of one incident brings back a whole chain of incidents and events, and I find that this just overwhelms me." — Denis Goldberg, activist, recollecting his memories of South Africa and its apartheid.

"It's always nice not to have to extend yourself in a tournament," said Lendl, who said he golfed, went shopping for a Ferrari, and "slept almost as if he prepared for his opening match."

"I think people can see I am a lot different now — I'm more pumped up and that is the way I should have been playing the last few years," said the 1984 US and Australian Open Junior champion, Mark Kratzmann, after beating Swiss, Jakob Hlasek.

"This is my biggest win ever. I didn't expect to make the quarter for the first time in my career." — Thomas Hogstedt of Sweden after beating Australian, Wally Masur.

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Meet a Neighbour

'Research needed'

Traditions revived

By Fatima Ahmed
Arab Times Staff

*"Last night my love came to me
So beautiful, complete
perfection
but suddenly sleep fled
from me
And I lay alone in the North
While My love slept
In that far South Country."*

A LOVE song? Not really. It is one of several Lullabies mothers sang to put their sons to sleep in old Kuwait. Interestingly, women expressed their love for their husbands through lullabies for boys.

The Lullaby is from Min Aghani Al Mahd of Al Kuwait (From Cradle Songs and Nursery Rhymes of Kuwait). This is one of five books written by Kuwaiti folklorist, writer, artist and researcher Bazza Al Batini.

Bazza has also written Tarai' wa Hikayat Nisa'iyah al Turath Al Shabi Al Kuwait (Women's Tales from Kuwait's Folklore), Costumes for Men and Women, Lullabies, the Folklore of Women and Children in Kuwait and a series of books for children.

Sitting amidst an array of drawings showing life as it was in pre-oil years, Azza talks of her dedication to folklore.

There were separate lullabies for boys and girls? folk tales reflected the social fabric of the times and superstitions spoke of the fears that people then experienced, she explains.

The definite role of boys and girls was apparent in lullabies. A mother inculcated in the boy a sense of chivalry and as the breadwinner, he was supposed to be tough and hardworking. Through her affection for the son, a mother would talk of her love for the husband.

The role of girls was defined from infancy. Lullabies and nursery rhymes focussed on her beauty and duties around the home. Marriage was her goal; child-bearing her duty. Home, husband and children were her domain. Nearly all lullabies for girls talked of beauty care, haircare, jewellery, costumes and her work to support the family while the husband went pearl diving or on trading trips.

"The distinction between boys and girls reflects the social norms prevalent at that time," explains Bazza, who began studying her heritage six years ago.

In 1983, Bazza took an year's leave from her school, where she taught French language, to look after the fourth child, a daughter. With plenty of time on her hands, she spent hours with her mother, who sang lullabies for the newborn baby. Bazza, who had heard them in her childhood, recognised some of them and wanted to preserve them. Thus began her search for lullabies, women's tales, fairy tales, proverbs, riddles and superstitions.

"No one cares about our heritage any more," she moans. Bazza does. She gave up her job at the school and took up full time research at the Kuwait Folklore Centre at the Bait Al Badr in 1984.

An year later, she published her first book, Lullabies and Nursery Rhymes of Kuwait, containing more than 180 songs. Bazza, who dabbles in pain, illustrated them herself with colourful, fresh and whimsical portraits.

"The pictures are a combination of research and analysis," she said.

Her literary quest began way back in the mid-1960s, when she was at school. An avid reader, she had collected several Arabic classics and books on Antar Bin Shaddad, Saif Bin Diyazan and had her own copy of Alf Laila wa Laila (Thousand and One Nights). Introduced to Arabic literature, she became interested in linguistics and world literature, and studied French and German, in addition to English and Arabic.



Bazza Al Batini

In late 1960s, she began keeping a diary of her favourite quotes, verses and poems written by famous literary figures. She also illustrated them for herself. This early interest developed into a penchant for writing.

An avid reader, she read French, German and English literature, and studied European folk tales. Saddened by the absence of Kuwaiti folk literature, she decided to take up the task herself.

It was a daunting task. Folk tales and lullabies formed part of an oral tradition, long forgotten. Only a handful of people could help her; and they were sceptical of her motives.

"Why do you need this stuff?" She was repeatedly asked.

Scepticism vanished when her first book on lullabies was published, and in a small way, story-telling was revived.

Bazza went on Kuwait Radio and spoke about her country's centuries old heritage, and folklore. The response was tremendous. Listeners from all over the Gulf wrote to Bazza, asking for copies of her book. Her book was also serialised by the Arabic daily, Al Rai Al Aam.

The response encouraged Bazza to continue her work as she collected a wealth of stories told by women about their lives and times. The themes revolved around love and jealousy and relationships between new wives, mothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and first and second wives. Like Aesop's fables, all stories had a moral.

The stories were told in simple language. Tales are often like parables with a moral message even for the present day. Bazza spoke to several women to collect more than 30 tales, which often deal with insecurity of women in their new home and the difficulties they faced. They also speak of kindness, true love, greed, generosity and wit and humour. Strong family ties and kinship also form an integral part of the social tales.

Bazza believes that the tales may have changed over the centuries. "A narrator normally added something to the story; some dropped crucial bits," she explains.

Story-tellers normally held the sessions at night. During the brief summer nights, stories were shortened. In the long wintry nights, narrators added events and people not in the original version.

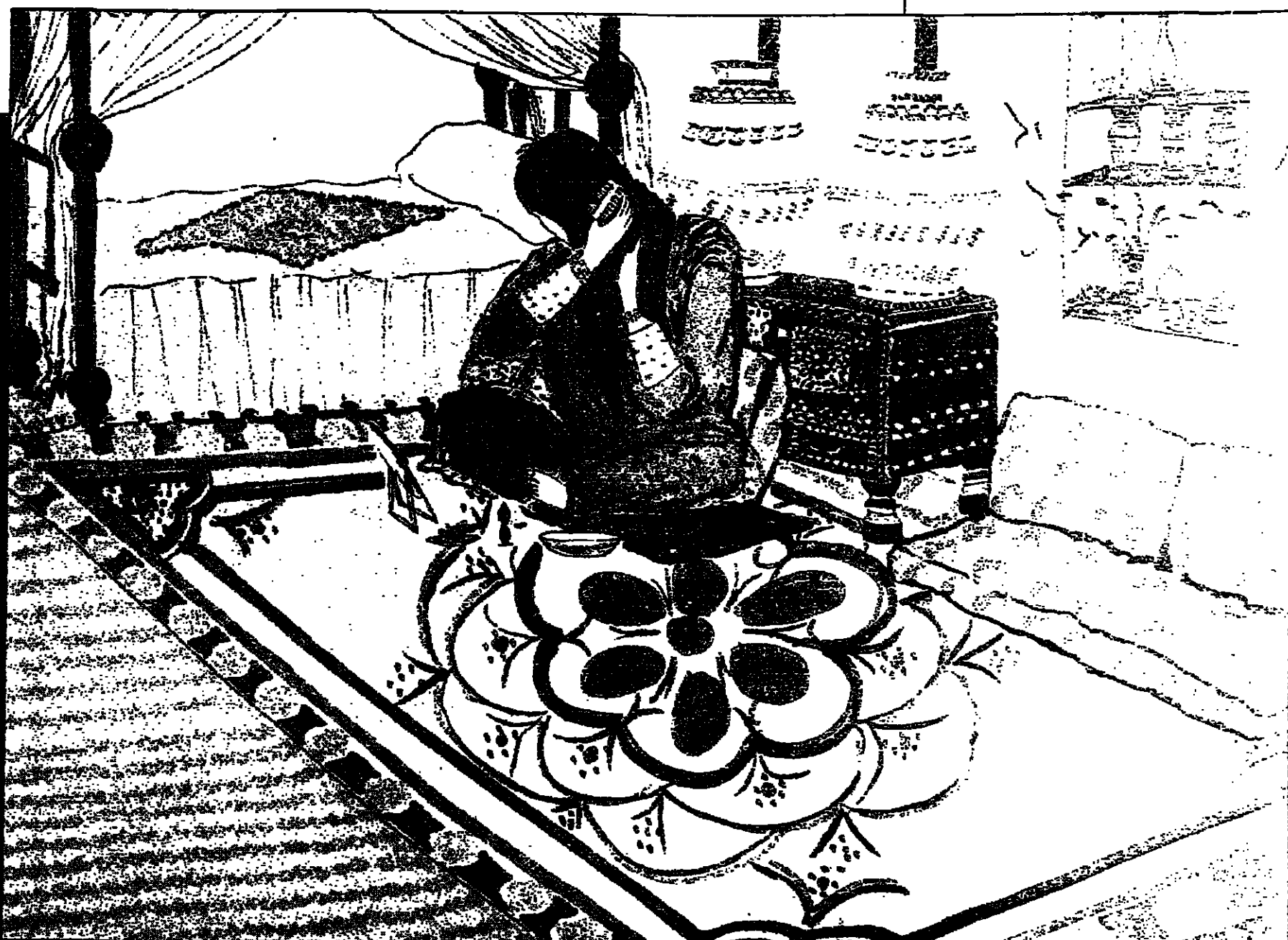
"The essence of the tales has not been lost," contends Bazza.

Story-tellers now belong to a bygone era. But after Bazza's book, some of the oral traditions are being revived on radio and television.

Bazza is also working on a series of books for children, in which she will simplify the tales, with more illustrations and fewer words. She has already published two books in five part series — fairy tales and costumes and is now working on a simplified version of folk tales. Two others will be on riddles and proverbs.

Bazza's next ambitious project is a book on superstitions. She has gathered interesting tid bits about such beliefs.

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"People lived in mud houses next to each other; and if the children made noise at night, they would disturb the neighbours. To avoid this, they made up the theory that if a child whistled at night, snakes would crawl out," she said.

Just for laughs!

My brother came in the other day. He said, 'I'm going to take up running. I've got a trainer.'

My mum said, 'What about the other foot. Have you got something for that?'

My sister had a cold on games day. She said to the teacher, 'I'm not doing the high jump.'

The teacher said, 'Of course you are.'

My sister said, 'I'm not you know. I couldn't even clear my own throat.'

'My brother plays a lot of cricket these days. They fix up matches down the dole office.'

'What, cricket matches?'

'No, benefit matches.'

'Did you hear about the bowler who dipped his cricket ball in chocolate?'

'No, what happened then?'

'He bowled a yorkie.'

'Did you hear about the cricket team who had a kangaroo for a bowler?'

'No, what did he do?'

'He bowled long hops.'

My brother was training indoors because of the rain. I said, 'Are you doing your work out?'

'He said, 'No, I'm staying in.'

This racehorse owner came to my uncle for a bit of advice. He said, 'Do you know a way to make a slow horse fast?'

My uncle said, 'Yes, don't feed it.'

In class one day the teacher said to my sister, 'Are you an only child?'

She said, 'Yes.'

The teacher said, 'Thank God for that.'

A friend of mine said he was going to be a ski-jumping champion. At the last time of counting he could jump over three skis.



Priya Muthreja celebrates her 4th birthday on October 12. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Priya goes to the United Indian School and likes dancing and playing.



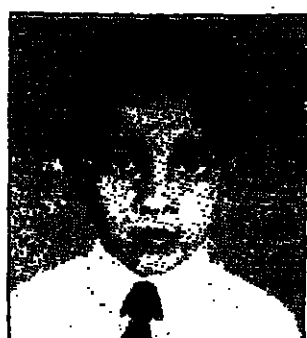
Royce D'Souza celebrated his 8th birthday on October 10. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Royce goes to the New Indian School and likes watching cartoons.



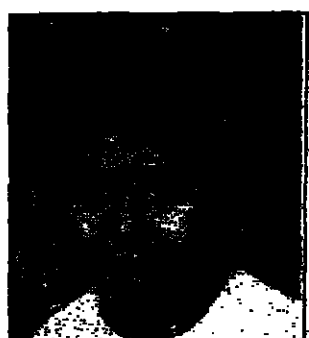
Lynn D'Souza celebrates her 9th birthday on October 12. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Lynn goes to the Carmel School and likes playing and watching TV.



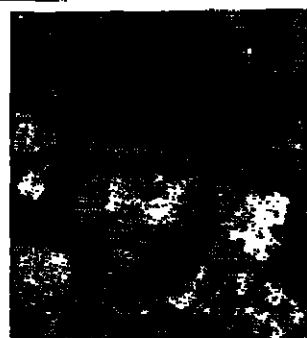
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Mohammed goes to the New English School and likes watching cartoons.



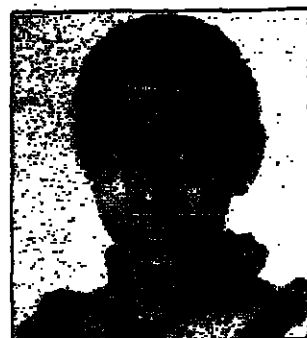
Sabreen Shariff celebrates her 6th birthday on October 16. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Sabreen goes to the Carmel School and likes stories and Barbie dolls.



Jonathan Lasrado celebrates his 5th birthday on October 14. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Jonathan goes to the Indian School and likes collecting model cars.



Juneet Chadha celebrates her 12th birthday on October 13. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Juneet goes to the Carmel School and likes drawing, reading and cooking.



Susha Prakash celebrates her 8th birthday on October 13. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Susha goes to the Indian School and likes drawing, karate and swimming.



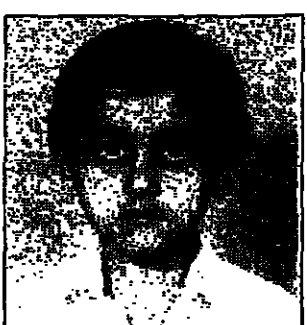
Kevin Fonceca celebrated his 7th birthday on October 10. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Kevin goes to the Carmel School and likes watching cartoons.



Wafa Shahbaz celebrates her 1st birthday on October 12. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Wafa likes playing with dolls.



Nayeem celebrates his 9th birthday on October 12. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Nayeem goes to the Indian School and likes exercise, football.



Amar Shaikh celebrates her 11th birthday on October 12. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Amar goes to the Carmel School and likes painting and swimming.



Nilsen Porrek celebrates his 8th birthday on October 14. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Nilsen goes to the Universal American School.



Divya Oberoi celebrates her 12th birthday on October 13. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Divya goes to the Indian School and likes swimming, painting.



Ali Siddique celebrates his 2nd birthday on October 14. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Ali likes dancing watching TV and playing.



Sumaira Ali celebrated her 9th birthday on October 10. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Sumaira goes to the Carmel School and likes painting and drawing.



Arun Mathew celebrates his 6th birthday on October 15. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Arun goes to the United Indian School and likes watching cartoons.

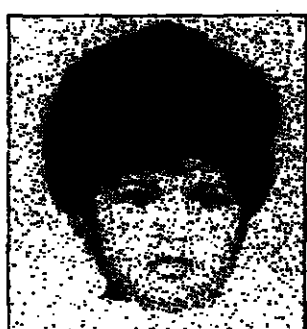


Blessie Nelson celebrated her 6th birthday on October 11. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends.

Blessie goes to the Indian School and likes drawing, colouring.



Mohammed Farveen celebrates his 1st birthday on October. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.



Valencia Fernandes celebrates her 1st birthday on October 15. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

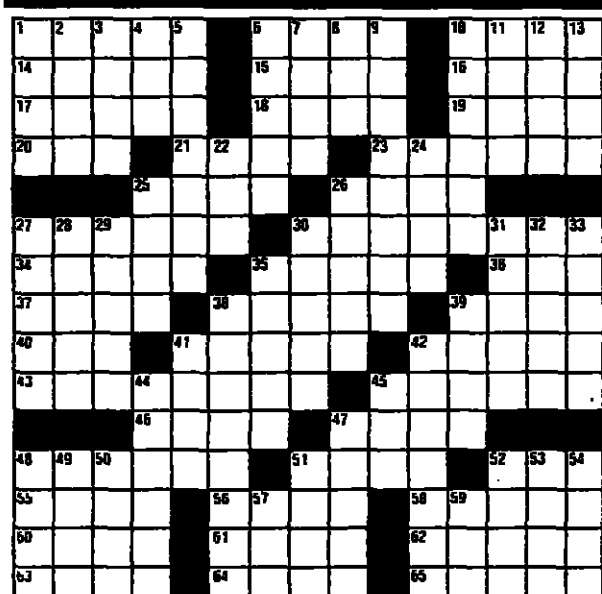
Valencia likes music and dancing.



Romson D'Souza celebrates his 4th birthday on October 15. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.

Romson goes to the United Indian School and likes watching cartoons.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- West Coast capital
 - Part of QED
 - Rock star — Ant
 - Oily
 - Command to huskies
 - Year in Claudius I's reign
 - Belle or Bart
 - Arrow poison
 - Ancient Persian
 - Junior
 - Der — Adenaur
 - Wormwood, for short
 - Dollar bills
 - Hindu titles
 - 'Simon & Simon' co-star
 - Prickly plants
 - Fisher Hall NYC
 - Sick, Ger.
 - Actress Lupino
 - Actress Naldi
 - Attentive, of old
 - Drag along — mode
 - Divide into two equal parts
 - A canonical hour
 - Tom Selleck
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 - Omits
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 - Moving machinery pieces
 - Stop
 - Activist
 - NCO
 - Drudge
- DOWN**
- Actor Jack
 - Organic compound
 - Relative of etc.
 - Ceremony
 - Silly
 - contenders
 - Have words
 - Units of force
 - Thump, in Scotland
 - Choir member
 - Slender
 - Goddess of healing
 - See 27 Across
 - Gives off
 - Finnish poem
 - Pearl Gym's mother
 - On — (sailing)
 - Nearly
 - Japanese legislature
 - Verdi opus
 - Manner
 - Celtic sea god
 - Venture
 - Gumbo
 - Ghost
 - JFK
 - airline
 - Walled
 - Furry pets
 - Dame Myra
 - Shacks
 - Sidewalk of 27 Across & 5 Down
 - Black enamel-like alloy
 - West of fame
 - Halley's —
 - So be it!
 - Newspaper section, for short
 - Iranian coin
 - Information
 - the Man
 - Critic Siskel
 - Three, in Toledo
 - Sass
 - Bend in ship's timber

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J93 ♥AK8 ♦63 ♣K10542
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♦ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠83 ♥Q95 ♦AK1072 ♣1054
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ 1 ♠
1 NT Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠KJ102 ♥AJ543 ♦Q106 ♣7
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

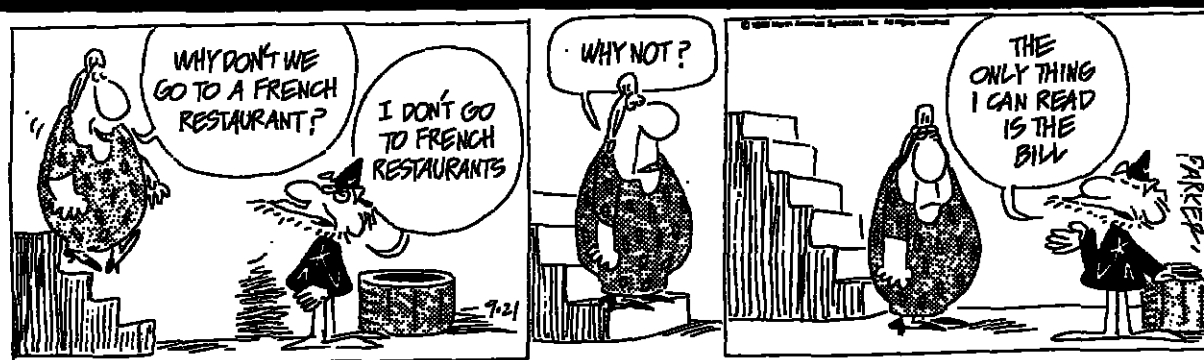
What do you bid now?
Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K763 ♥J82 ♦KQ763 ♣Q
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠652 ♥A83 ♦8752 ♣QJ6
Partner opens the bidding with three no trump. What action do you take?

Q.6—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠752 ♥AJ93 ♦A1062 ♣83
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 NT Pass ?
What do you bid now?

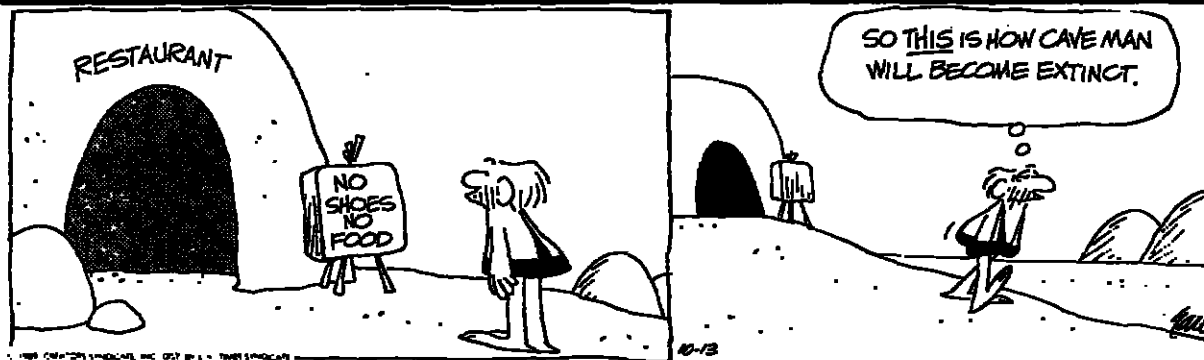
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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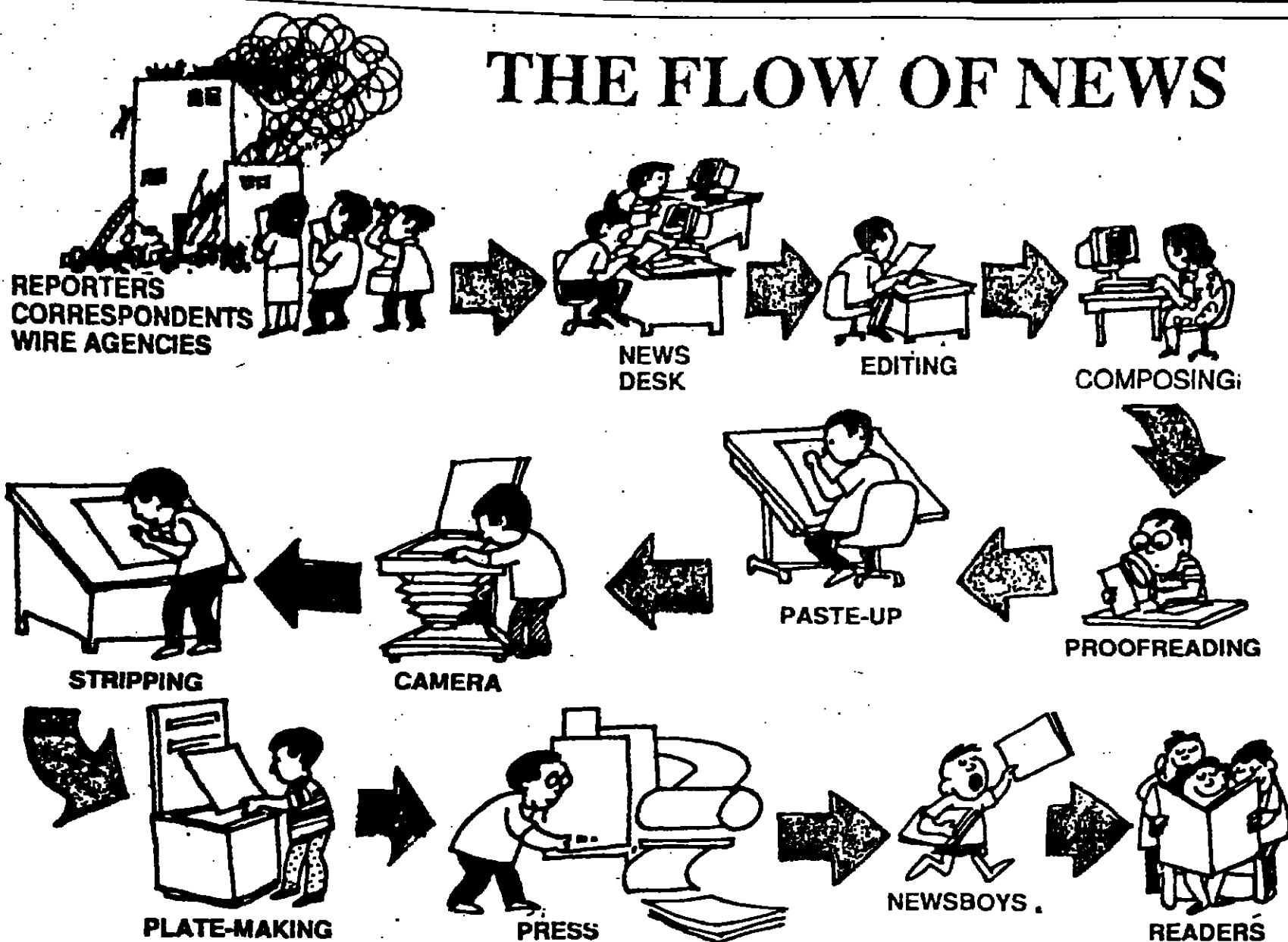
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YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
You will find it hard to concentrate but you must make the effort. You will have something to be really pleased about. Make sure you do not allow your personal affairs to get into disorder. Be alert.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
At first you will not know quite what to do but later on you will be more sure of yourself. You should not act on the spur of the moment particularly where a personal matter is concerned. Something you had mislaid will now come to light.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**
You will find it hard to keep your mind on what you are doing but you must make an extra effort to do so. Do your best to avoid getting into an argument and to resolve it as soon as possible if you do. No harm in making few concessions. Be reasonable.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
You would do well to keep your weight under control rather than having to take drastic steps to gain or lose it later. You should not try to do by force you have not been able to do by charm or persuasion. An offer should be considered carefully. Be responsive.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You would do well to slow down a little and put the emphasis on accuracy. You should not exaggerate nor should you exceed any limits. Be tactful.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
You should not try to do too many things all at the same time. Your lucky numbers are 14 and 28. Do not allow some small setback to disturb your peace of mind. Make sure you do not leave your shoelaces untied — you might trip over yourself. Be generous.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**
You will find it hard to keep your mind on what you are doing but you must make an extra effort to do so. Do your best to avoid getting into an argument and to resolve it as soon as possible if you do. No harm in making few concessions. Be reasonable.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**
A suggestion of yours will meet with general approval. However do expect a few dissenting voices. You should not involve yourself in what does not really concern you. Be tolerant.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
There is no time to waste and you should not do so. And you will need all your energies so do not dissipate them. Do not delay replying to a letter. Be sincere.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
You will tend to get rather exasperated at not being able to find the solution to a recurring problem. Keep calm and if you persist the solution will come to you in the end.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
You will find it easier to make up your mind and you will come to the right conclusion. You may well win a prize but you. Should not spend your 'winnings' before you are sure you have. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Be moderate.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
You should try to express yourself a little more clearly. You will tend to eat or drink more than is good for you. Think twice before buying what only at first sight looks like a bargain. Be patient.

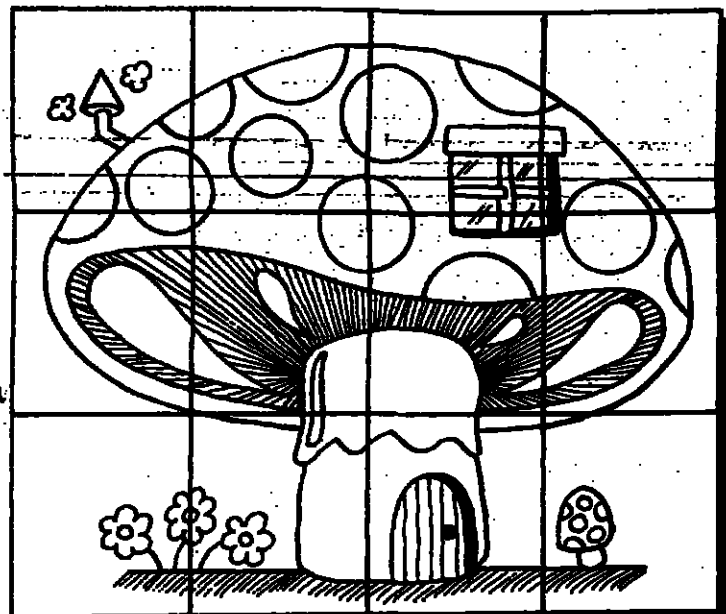
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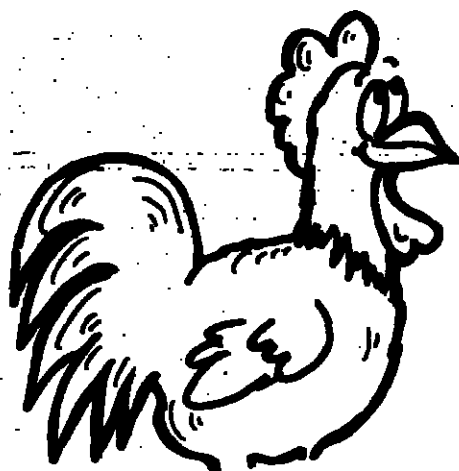
The route that news takes from the scene to your breakfast table

It takes a lot of time and many different stages to make a newspaper each day. Follow the directions of the arrows and you will notice how complicated it is.

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Put stripes on the socks. Colour the stripes green and yellow.

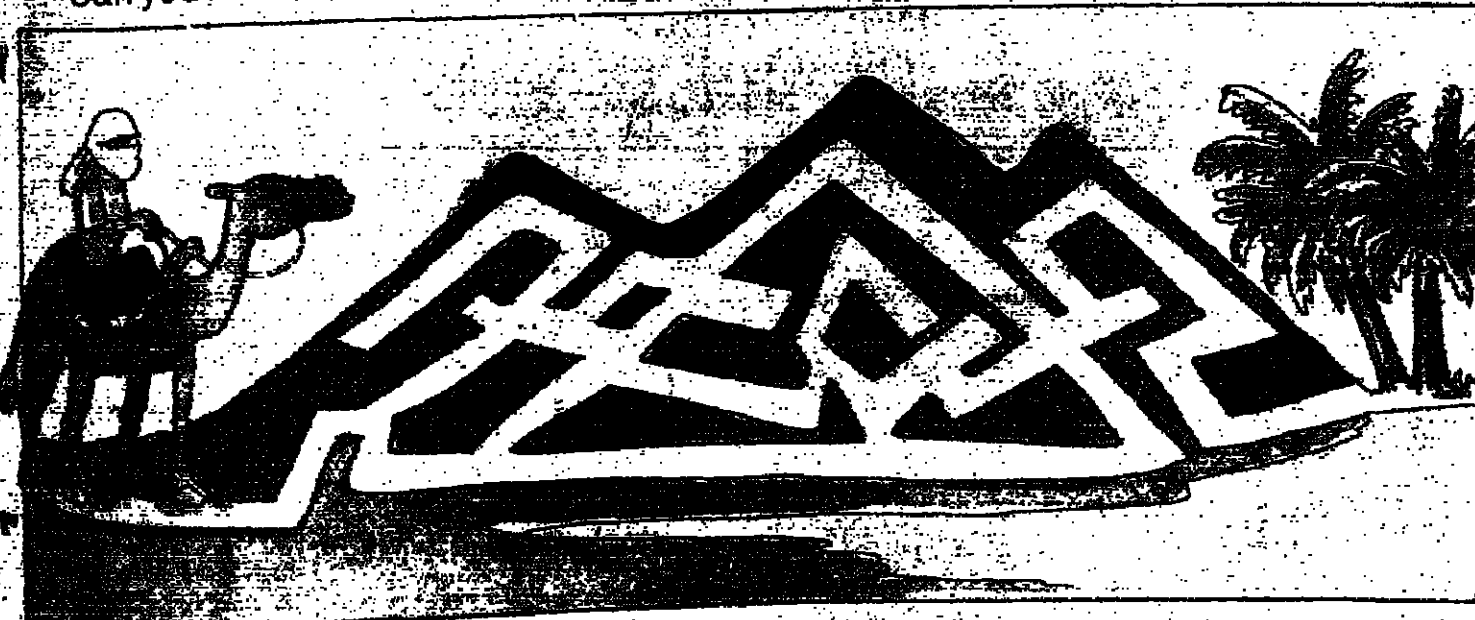


First and last

It was in 2,700 BC that the world's first roads were built in China. But it was not until 1000 years later that the first wheeled vehicles were invented.

In 1709 the first recorded ascent in a hot air balloon took place in Portugal — inside the Casa da India.

Can you lead him home?



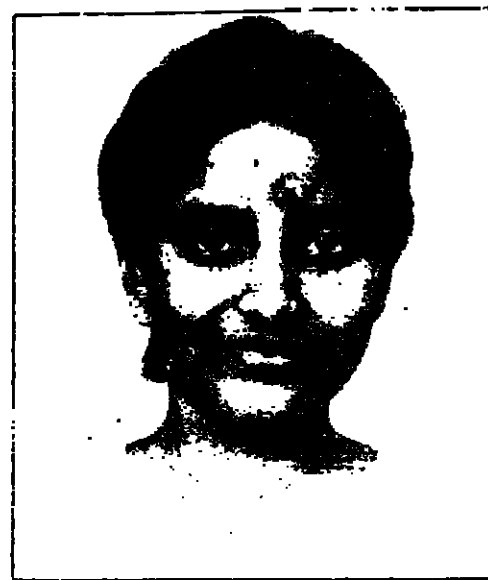
On our Prophet's birthday

Our dear Prophet Mohammed
Bless him dear God.
He was kind, thoughtful,
Amongst all men.
He was bright and happy
Like the morning sun.
Never selfish,
Nor mean was he
Always courageous, always fair
Never tell a lie would he.

Allah! Allah! Bless our prophet!
Give him happiness give him peace.
May his soul live up in heaven.
May he always be loved with care.

Send him up to Paradise
May he be blessed
From the seventh sky.

Allah! Allah! Bless our prophet!
Give him happiness give him peace.
May his soul live up in heaven.
May he always be loved with care.



By Tehzeeb Huda
Kuwait English School
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Throw the ball

By Julie Hodgson

"Throw the ball!" shouted Jimmy Johnson, to his friend, at the other side of the football pitch. Peter Singh picked up the ball and threw it.

The team were losing 3-2, they had to make a draw, or score two more goals, there was nothing to it but to try harder in the next half.

The team had half time, they all sat on the sidelines and ate their piece of orange. The coach came up to the team.

"Right, you lads, we must make a bigger effort this time, you are doing well, but in this situation, it's important to tackle hard, and keep to your man."

The Fitzwilliam School boy's football team listened to their coach with respect. Then after half time was over, they ran onto the pitch. Montalt was a good team, they were top of their school, but it was high time the Fitzwilliam boys won a few games.

David Lee was their team captain, he was a clever lad. Terry James was the goalie, he was a real tall lad, and a



very fast runner.

The referee, Mr Karim, the P.E. Teacher, blew the whistle for the second half of the game.

Jimmy kicked the ball at the sound of the whistle, he directed it to Malcome Devin, who dribbled the ball across the field and passed it to Sam Holden, Sam raced with the ball towards the goal, he was tackled by a Montalt boy, but Sam came through with the ball.

"Oh boy, what a shot!" the supporters cheered, as Sam smashed the ball into the back of the net. The crowd cheered and threw their school caps

into the air. The rest of the team were jumping up and down, grabbing one another and shouting.

"We're nearly there, only one more goal," Montalt were on their guard now, watching and tackling every move. The score was 3-3, so Fitzwilliam fought hard to score the last goal of the match. Davy Spencer of Montalt took the ball from Malcome, he ran after him, but Davy sped towards Fitzwilliam's goal.

"Oh no!" breathed Malcome.

Malcome ran after Davy, slipped the ball from under his feet, and raced back in the opposite direction, dribbling the ball. Malcome toed the ball back to Sam, who was positioned near Montalt's goal. Sam ran through their defence, and wacked the ball, right into the back of the net.

Every one jumped up, there were more caps flung in the air, than the stars at night. The score was 4-3, to Fitzwilliam, they had won the silver cup, they all raced around excitedly.

In the local newspaper the next day, the story of the match was on front page.

Oh boy, what a game...

Word search

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Dear Junior Readers

Today, in the year 571 A.C., the Prophet Mohammed (may peace be upon him) was born. He was born to a tribe in Saudi Arabia. His father died before he was born and his mother died when he was 4 years old. He then went to live with his grandfather and then his uncle as his grandfather died when the prophet was 6.

He lived peacefully with his uncle and was reputed to being a very kind, loving, honest

and all in all decent fellow. Like most people of those days, the Prophet was illiterate.

The Prophet loved to go to the mountains of his homeland to sit alone and think about his life and his people. On one particular day, when Mohammed (PBUH) was 40 years old, he went to his favourite cave, deep within the mountains, when the most unusual thing happened to him.

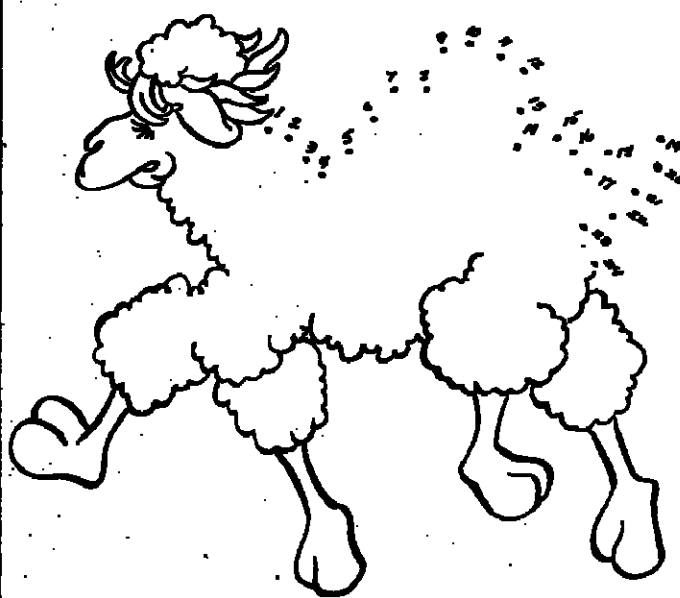
Out of nowhere, an angel from the heavens, called Gabriel, brought him a script and told

him to read. The prophet told Gabriel that he did not know how to read, but Gabriel insisted again and again. After the third time, the prophet read the script and the angel left.

That night, the Prophet ran home and hid shivering from fear. His wife Khadija asked him what was wrong and comforted him through his fright. She encouraged him to go up to the mountains again and from then on the Prophet began to preach Islam.

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MOTOR RACING

French find new champion to cheer

LONDON, Oct 11. (Reuters): Whatever the outcome of this month's Japanese Grand Prix and Alain Prost's pursuit of a third World Drivers' Championship, French motor racing fans have a new champion to cheer and a new hero for the future.

Jean Alesi, who has successfully combined winning the international Formula 3000 title with a truly impressive Formula One debut this season, has already been dubbed the new Prost for his calculated but forceful driving at both levels this year. But, at just 25, and with only six Grands Prix behind him, he knows such comparisons are a heavy burden that should be avoided rather than enjoyed as he looks forward to maintaining his impressive Formula One form around the twisting Suzuka circuit on October 22.

"I am just a new boy in Formula One," he concedes. "I have a lot to learn and I cannot be compared to the big stars like Prost or Senna or Mansell. They are the real champions. I am just a beginner."

Born in France of Sicilian parents, Alesi has been living in Oxford, England, since last year and has now been adopted by all three nations as if he is truly one of their own.

The Italians claim him by parentage, the French by birth and the British, in the form of the motor racing fans who follow the fortunes of the Tyrrell-Ford team, by contract and fiscal interest.

Alesi finds the attention flattering, but is not deceived. He has a "robust" down-to-earth outlook on life and has been as surprised as anyone else at his rapid rise to prominence this year.

Having made a name for himself in the French Formula 3 series of 1986 and 1987, he endured a poor year in 1988 before breaking into the big time this year by winning the Formula 3000 title — he clinched it at Le Mans on the last Sunday in September — and winning his first Formula One points on his debut at the French Grand Prix in July.

The crucial point in his success came with his decision to move, with support from his sponsors, to England this year and drive for the Eddie Jordan racing team.

Not only was Jordan a success in Formula 3000, he was also a good friend of many people in Formula One, a well-respected developer of young drivers.

"As soon as I arrived in England, I knew I was alright with him," said Alesi. "He met me and welcomed me into his house and his family. He did everything and made me feel happy."

"He found me a flat, gave me his car to drive and helped me to meet and speak to English people. But I was angry with him at one time when he fixed up for Martin Donnelly — my team mate — to drive for the Arrows at the French Grand Prix."

"I said he should have pushed me in as Derek Warwick's replacement because it was my home race and I knew the circuit."

"Well... the very next day, he phoned me in the morning and said he had another deal — with Tyrrell. I thought he was joking, but by the afternoon I was in Ken's factory."

"That weekend, Alesi made a piece of motor racing history as the unexpected late replacement for the dismissed Italian Michele Alboreto. He had never previously driven the Tyrrell or any other Formula One car, yet he climbed aboard with such panache that on the first day of qualifying he was 10th on the provisional grid."

"I was very nervous before the race. It was all so new to me," he said. "Like a mooncraft or something. And I had done no testing or practice — just straight in. I was very worried."

Two federations plan to adopt controversial drug tests

MOSCOW, Oct 11. (Reuters): Two international sports federations are planning to adopt controversial tests for anabolic steroids devised by West German scientist Manfred Donike.

The two federations, which have not been named, intend to introduce the so-called steroid profile tests, Donike told reporters on the eve of the second world anti-doping conference yesterday.

The tests indicate possible use of anabolic steroids by athletes but do not prove specifically which of the outlawed bulk-building drugs have been taken.

As a result, some anti-drug campaigners believe the tests could be dangerous by failing to offer foolproof evidence of drug abuse. They claim these tests could lead to athletes being banned on circumstantial evidence.

But Donike indicated that two federations were preparing to introduce the tests as a means of certifying their sportsman were drug-free prior to competition.

"Two federations will introduce the steroid profiles as a pre-requisite for participating at important events," said Donike, a member of the International Olympic Committee medical commission.

"I am not in a position to say which federations. But their decisions will be announced in the near future by their executive committees."

Donike's steroid profile experiments were first revealed two months ago at the Canadian government inquiry into drug abuse in a report prompted by the Ben Johnson scandal at last year's Olympics.

Then Donike urged all amateur sport to adopt the test, which measures the level of endogenous hormones in the body. These are suppressed if an athlete has been taking steroids.

Hlasek and Steeb upset

Kratzmann eliminates 2nd seed



Steeb: falls in first round

SYDNEY, Oct 11. (Reuters): Local hero Mark Kratzmann threw off the shackles to beat Jakob Hlasek of Switzerland on a day of slaughter for the seeds at the Australian Indoor Tennis Championships today.

Kratzmann, the 1984 Junior US Open and Wimbledon champion, survived a match point in a thrilling third set tiebreak to oust the second seed 6-1 2-6 7-6 (9-7) in a first round match.

Third seed Carl-Uwe Steeb of West Germany forgot his killer instinct after winning the first set 6-1 and paid the price by presenting Sweden's Lars Wahlgren with the finest victory of his five-year career 1-6 6-4 6-4 in the second round.

Kratzmann, who is the first to admit he has never lived up to his early promise, went for his shots from the first rally against Hlasek, hitting the ball early and with great power.

He built a 5-0 lead before taking the first set 6-1 in 35 minutes.

Kratzmann, ranked 149, recovered with a screaming pass down the line and won the next two points to clinch his first victory over a top 10 player.

"I was lucky to hit the line at match point down," Kratzmann admitted later. "Four times this year I've had match points in big games and lost but this time I really won for it."

"People used to tell me to keep calm but that's not me. I get much more pumped up now and I don't care what people think I just do what I feel like."

"At 19 I thought I was going to jump up the rankings and improve overnight. When that didn't happen you get depressed. Now I feel liberated and feel I can put on a good show in any match," said the Australian 23-year-old.

Hlasek, who returned last week from two months out with a stress fracture, was philosophical despite travelling 18,000 km for first round defeats in singles and doubles.

Steeb, in contrast, was angry at his generosity. "I was 6-1 1-0 up and I did not think I could lose the match," he said. "I should have killed it then."

Wahlgren, ranked 222 in the world, relied on a heavy serve and dominance from the baseline to fight his way back before clinching victory on his second match point with an ace.

"This surface suits me very well as it gave me enough time to pass him," Wahlgren said of the artificial court. "I've played 15 matches in three weeks out here and I'm very confident."

Meanwhile, a jet-lagged Ivan Lendl stayed awake long enough to trounce Brazilian qualifier Mauro Menezes 6-2 6-0.

Lendl, as expected, was rarely stretched against the lanky Brazilian who made the most of some early rustiness from the Australian Open champion to win the third and seventh games of the match.



Waugh has stress fracture in his lower back

Back injury prevents Waugh from bowling

SYDNEY, Oct 11. (Reuters): Australian all-rounder Steve Waugh will not bowl in next month's one-day Nehru Cup or during the early part of the 1989/90 season because of a stress fracture in his lower back.

The Australian Cricket Board said today Waugh had suffered the fracture during the recent Ashes tour of England where his superb batting helped Australia to a 4-0 success.

Waugh, 24, bowled little during the Tests in England and has been a declining force with the ball over the past 12 months.

"He has had this back soreness for some while and it restricted his bowling as the tour progressed," board general manager Graham Halbish told reporters.

"Specialists' X-rays have revealed stress fractures in the lower back — not particularly serious but sufficient for him not to be able to bowl for some months."

"There won't be any addition to the 14-player touring party for the Nehru Cup in India despite the fact that Waugh won't be bowling," added chairman of selectors Lawrie Sawle.

Waugh is certain not to bowl in the November Test against New Zealand, the two Tests against Sri Lanka in December and the first of three Tests against Pakistan in January.

Bay Bridge series to fuel rivalry

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 11. (Reuters): A mere 10 miles (16 km) of water across San Francisco Bay separate the two ballparks of this year's World Series combatants. It might as well be an ocean.

The clash will be the first World Series for two teams in the same metropolitan area since 1956 when the New York Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers squared off in the last of the famed "Subway Series."

San Franciscans jibes about Oakland being their doormat have been traditionally countered by Oakland complaints that San Francisco (or the City, as residents here call it) is too liberal, too gay and too snooty.

When the San Francisco Giants beat the Chicago Cubs 3-2 on Monday to capture the National League baseball title, they set up the first World Series to pit the Giants against the Oakland Athletics, winners of the American League pennant.

A state rivalry was stirred four years ago when the St. Louis Cardinals and Kansas City Royals played in the series but the first meeting of the A's and the Giants in games of such magnitude is bound to arouse even stronger emotions.

There's an old joke San Franciscans like to tell about travelling across the bay on the span linking the cities. Referring to the toll gates, they say: "It costs a dollar to get into San Francisco, but entrance to Oakland is free."

The best-of-seven series begins in Oakland on Saturday.

The arguments will go on forever if the A's win or the Giants win, sports psychologist Bruce Ogilvie told the San Jose Mercury News.

Depending on the outcome of the series, perhaps the city authorities will have to switch the toll booths around.

Cubs live up to old image

CHICAGO, Oct 11. (Reuters): The Chicago Cubs may have fallen short against the San Francisco Giants in the battle for the National League pennant, but they have preserved their reputation as the baseball team most unlikely to succeed.

The team's steady rising popularity may be due to the quaintness of Wrigley Field, nestled among the apartment houses of a north side neighbourhood. Or it could be because the team's games are televised nationally to millions.

"Cubs live up to their old image," proclaimed a Chicago Tribune headline on Thursday after the team dropped the first of the best-of-seven series against the Giants.

But some believe that to be a Cub fan is to yearn for something integral to the sport itself.

The Cubbies bounced back the next day to tie the series and stayed close in the remaining games which ended in scores of 2-4, 6-4 and 3-2 — but all were in favour of the Giants, as Cubs fans knew would happen all along.

"The real nature of being a (baseball) fan is constant disappointment," said sports writer Roger Angell of the New Yorker magazine. "Baseball is about losing. It's about doing the best you can."

The Cubs' streak of futility is unrivaled by any other sports franchise, except perhaps the Boston Red Sox, most notably when the late-season shadows lengthen and the home team's miseries multiply at graceful Wrigley Field.

"Cub fans are the best in baseball, particularly when the Cubs were going nowhere, they still come. They are fiercely loyal and extremely critical at the same time," said Angell, who should know as a long-suffering follower of the Boston Red Sox, a team that time and again has fallen just short of breaking its own championship drought stretching back to 1918.

These were the fans who remembered the 1969 team which squandered a huge lead to the "Miracle Mets" of New York, and the 1984 Cubs who let the pennant slip away in three successive horrifying losses to the San Diego Padres.

"In a way, I hope the Cubs win finally, but in a way I don't," he wrote before the playoffs began.

"I expected them to collapse," said a Chicago Tribune columnist by Mike Royko, who counts himself among the embittered, yet still devout, Cub fans. "After 45 years of watching them collapse at some point, it's a hard habit to break."

Some experts on the human psyche feel that Angell may have revealed the dark underbelly of Cub fans — they are scared stiff of losing a treasured security blanket if their team wins.

Northwestern University psychologist Walter Burke said it amounts to "a wish to hold onto the Cubbies as the lovable losers."

Cub fans displaying a penitent attitude were not hard to find.

Top entry for Columbus Cup

BALTIMORE, Oct 11. (AP): Three of the world's top 16 sailors will be among the eight skippers competing in the Cadillac Columbus Cup, an America's Cup-style match-race event for 44-foot sloops scheduled to begin today.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the 2nd week of the Dunhill Bridge Tournament played at the Messiah Beach Hotel:

- N/S: 1. Tibb & Wilma
- E/W: 1. Rix & Bianca
- 1. Drexler & Carsten
- 2. Nisar & Ibrahim
- 3. Tawil & Sabri

Results of the Regency Bridge Club game held on Oct 4:

- 1. Marcie Griffiths & Lollo Murrhaite
- 2. Rima Iyyad & Mikail
- 3. Nida Khalaf & Subhandan Oskay

Results of the Messiah Bridge Club game played on Saturday:

- 1. Marcie Griffiths & Lollo Murrhaite
- 2. Jamila Akel & Lilly Akel-Jundi
- 3. Rabab Abboushi & Rima Ayyad

Results of the Messiah Bridge Club game played on Monday:

- 1. Sharif Doka Materny & Lollo Murrhaite
- 2. Marcie Griffiths & Lollo Murrhaite
- 3. Rabab Abboushi & Rima Ayyad

Results of the Sheraton Bridge Club's game held on Tuesday:

- 1. Donna Materny & Kojtek
- 2. A. Latif Dnal & Drexler
- 3. Latifa & Heidi

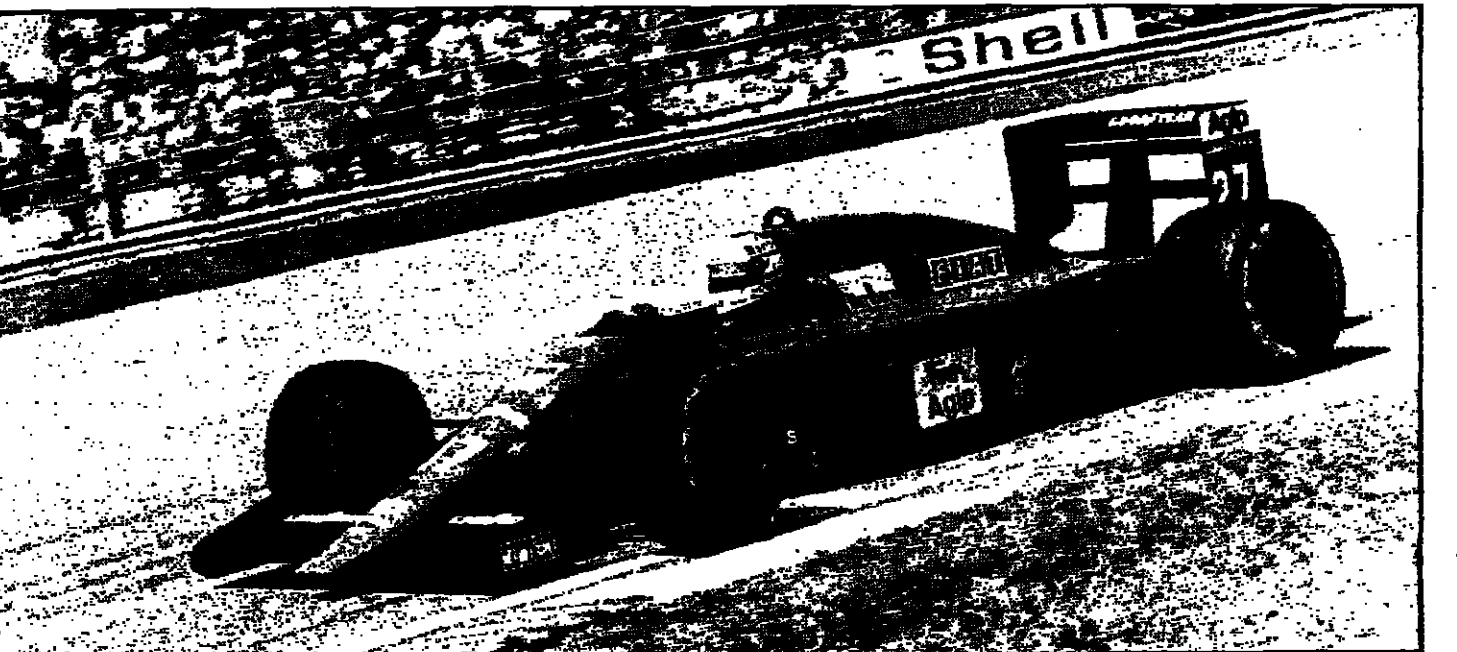
Results of the Sheraton Bridge Club's game held on Wednesday:

- 1. Ravi & Mukerjee
- 2. Monteiro & Chandrasekhar
- 3. Sokolowski & Walkiewicz

Sheraton Bridge Club will hold a team of four tournament tomorrow at 4:00 pm at the Sheraton Hotel.

Fisa confirm Spanish Grand Prix ban on Mansell

PARIS, Oct 11. (Reuters): The International Motor Sports Federation (Fisa) yesterday confirmed British driver Nigel Mansell's ban from the Spanish Formula One Grand Prix and ruled his appeal could not affect this year's world championship.



Mansell: sanctioned for breach of security rules

Mansell has appealed against a one-race ban imposed by Fisa for reversing in the pits during the Portuguese Grand Prix in Estoril on September 24.

But Fisa president Jean-Marie Balestre told a news conference the federation's World Motor Sport Council agreed at a meeting in Paris on Monday there could be no question of changing the results of the October 1 race in Jerez.

The council confirmed the ban on Mansell from the Spanish Grand Prix for what it called "recognised, proven and established offence."

Balestre said Mansell himself had admitted and apologised for reversing in the pits. The Fisa president said the sanction against Mansell was for the breach of security rules and had nothing to do with his failure to stop after a black flag was waved at him three times.

Mansell was eventually involved in a collision with McLaren driver and world champion Ayrton Senna of Brazil, putting both cars out of the race.

Balestre criticised the media, Mansell and his Ferrari team and the International Automobile Federation's appeals tribunal for spreading confusion about the case.

He said the media had been impulsive in reporting the incident and that Mansell and Ferrari had appealed to two different bodies — the National Motor Sports Tribunal in Portugal and the FIA's international tribunal.

The FIA tribunal had no right to rule on the case until a hearing in Portugal and should not have heard representation from Mansell and Ferrari at a hearing in Paris last Thursday.

specialist to the Paris tribunal to give evidence that Mansell could not have seen the black flags waved at him.

Fisa's world council, in an apparent counter-move, recommended that doctors at future Grands Prix bar drivers whose "visual capacity is deemed insufficient for racing" and carry out dope tests.

Fisa announced its Formula One Grand Prix racing calendar for 1990 yesterday as follows:

- March 11 — US Grand Prix, Phoenix; March 25 — Brazilian Grand Prix, Rio de Janeiro; May 6 — European Grand Prix, Imola; May 27 — Monaco Grand Prix; June 10 — Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal; June 24 — Mexican Grand Prix, Mexico City; July 8 — French Grand Prix, Le Castellet; July 15 — British Grand Prix, Silverstone; July 29 — West German Grand Prix, Hockenheim; Aug 12 — Hungarian Grand Prix, Hungaroring; Aug 26 — Belgian Grand Prix, Spa; Sept 9 — Italian Grand Prix, Monza; Sept 23 — Portuguese Grand Prix, Estoril; Sept 30 — Spanish Grand Prix, Jerez; Oct 21 — Japanese Grand Prix, Suzuka; Nov 4 — Australian Grand Prix, Adelaide.

Holiday Inn overcome SAS Hotel

THE Holiday Inn Hotel pulled off the closest of victories over their rivals SAS Hotel on Monday evening at the Holiday Inn.

It was a 10-side match with the final score 5-5. The only way to decide this match was by counting the total number of games won by each side and the score was 21-20 in Holiday Inn's favour.

The evening was climaxed with an exciting exhibition match between El Hakim (the professional coach at the Holiday Inn) and a new arrival to Kuwait, Abdul Jawad. El Hakim just managed to beat the former Egyptian junior champion by three games to two.

El Hakim almost lost his cool under the pressure of the play and the strict refereeing of Holiday Inn captain, Bob Green.

The full results were as follows (Holiday Inn names first):

- 1. James Brown beat Graham Dunphy 3-0
- 2. Ahmad Safa lost to Andy Richardson 1-3
- 3. Julien Gill lost to Abdul Latif 2-3
- 4. Allan Labrooy beat Mike Snell 3-2
- 5. Mohammed Borai lost to Steve Mansell 1-3
- 6. Glynn Gatland beat Dave Prentice 3-0
- 7. Haanish Dow lost to Lawrence Cowley 1-3
- 8. Jane Drake beat John Augustine 3-2
- 9. Julie Dent lost to Pauline Cox 1-3
- 10. Michelle Deagan beat Autel Jacobs 3-1.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Proposed sale

DENVER, Oct. 11. (AP) — Denver Nuggets owner Sidney Shlenker has cancelled a proposed sale of the National Basketball Association team to two black businessmen who made history with their bid. In a brief statement issued by the team late yesterday, Shlenker said he was allowing the contract for the sale to Peter Bynoe, 38, and Bertram Lee, 50, to expire. The two had planned to buy the club in a \$65 million deal that was announced in July.

World Taekwondo

SEOUL, South Korea, Oct. 11. (AP) — South Korea, the home of Taekwondo, held the third-day lead in the 9th World Taekwondo Championships today with three gold medals in men's and women's competition.

Cup soccer

ABU DHABI, Oct. 11. (Kuna) — The qualifying matches of the World Cup soccer championship of the Asian group will be transmitted live by TV of Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, director of Gulf TV Saud Dahlawi told Kuna here today.

Iranian athlete

NICOSIA, Oct. 11. (Reuters) — A disabled Iranian athlete returned to Tehran yesterday after travelling 17,000 km (10,500 miles) through 21 European countries in a wheelchair. The Iranian news agency Irna quoted Hossein Nikzaban, 31, as saying in a welcoming ceremony that he meant to show by his endeavour that "the disabled are capable of doing whatever the able-bodied can."

Florio ahead

PISA, Italy, Oct. 11. (UPI) — Italian Alessandro Florio in a Lancia held onto a slim 11-second lead heading into today's third day of the 31st San Remo auto rally.

Chess semifinals

LONDON, Oct. 11. (Reuters) — Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman and British Jon Speelman battled to a draw in their sixth game in the World Chess Championship semifinals yesterday.

Connors wins

TOULOUSE, France, Oct. 11. (AP) — American Jimmy Connors breezed in his opening round match yesterday, beating Johan Carlsson of Sweden, 6-0, 6-1, at the \$255,000 Toulouse Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Sabatini triumphs

FILDERSTADT, West Germany, Oct. 11. (AP) — Top-seeded Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina easily defeated France's Nathalie Tauziat 6-2, 6-1 yesterday in the second round of the \$250,000 international women's tennis tournament in Filderstadt.

Exhibition match

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Oct. 11. (AP) — Michael Chang of the United States defeated Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia in a straight set 7-5, 6-4 in an exhibition match last night at Senayan Palace.

Ice hockey

A SWISS ice hockey team arrived in Kuwait yesterday, to play three matches against Kuwaiti Falcons ice hockey team. The matches will be played on Friday, Sunday and Monday, Oct. 13, 15 and 16 at 5.30 pm at the Ice Rink. The Swiss team is in Kuwait in celebration of its silver jubilee.

Violent scenes

FLORENCE, Italy, Oct. 11. (Reuters) — Italy's soccer manager Azzeglio Vicini warned yesterday that any national team player again involved in the sort of violent scenes he witnessed in Sunday's Roma-Napoli match risked expulsion from the squad.

Dutch star

MILAN, Italy, Oct. 11. (Reuters) — Dutch soccer star Ruud Gullit flew back to Milan from Amsterdam yesterday to resume light training after a Brussels specialist confirmed he would not need further surgery on a nagging knee injury.

Sheikh Fahd praises tournament organizers

Egypt sweep the board at Arab tennis tourney

EGYPT swept the board at the Arab Brotherhood Tennis Tournament by winning the under-16 singles finals and also the under-18 doubles finals at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel tennis courts on Tuesday.

In the under-16 finals Egyptian Amro Ghonaim beat Mohammed Jassam of Bahrain 7-5, 6-2. The Bahraini put up a tough fight in the opening set but could not maintain the same momentum in the other two sets, which he lost easily.

In the under-18 doubles, Egypt denied Kuwait a chance to take a gold medal when Mohammed Al Wani and Thamer Al Sawi beat Kuwait's Khaled Rashed and Waleed Al Banna 6-4, 6-2.

Earlier in the tournament Egypt also won both the trophies for the under-16 and under-18 teams events and also the under-18 singles crown.

With the holding of this event, Kuwait added to account of a number of international sports events that it has organised so far. The organization at this tournament was also praised by all the delegations.

The event ended late Tuesday evening with a dinner held under



Sami Al Ibrahim (left), head of the organizing committee, presents a shield to Sheikh Fahd.

the patronage of Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, the chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee and Olympic Council of Asia and also the Kuwait Football Association.

During a speech during the prize distribution ceremonies, Sheikh Fahd said that the successful organization of this event was evidence enough of Kuwait's ability to organize big events.

Sheikh Fahd, who is also the deputy chairman of the Higher

Organizing Committee for the Peace and Friendship Games scheduled for Oct 30 - Nov 12, indicated the importance of building covered tennis courts to give a further boost to the sport.

The KFA chairman praised the efforts made by the organizers to ensure the success of this event. He said that the success of this event had given a big boost to the Peace and Friendship Games.

In a related development, the visiting member of the Libyan Revolutionary Council, Maj Al Khuraidi Al Humaidi said yesterday he would make the necessary contacts with the Libyan officials to ensure that Libya takes part in the Peace and Friendship games.

He expressed confidence that Kuwait will greatly succeed in organising the Games. He praised the great efforts being exerted by the officials of the Kuwaiti sports movement, headed by Sheikh Fahd. Maj. Al Humaidi said that he would exert all his efforts to make Libya participate in the Games. He greeted and saluted Kuwait for its pioneering stands on the Arab and Islamic levels.

This came during a luncheon banquet held in honour of Maj Al Humaidi by Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed. It was attended by a large number of sports officials.

Meanwhile, former chairman of the Kuwait Olympic Committee Sheikh Salman Al Homoud has donated 5,000 copies of the Holy Quran for the Games organisers to distribute to the participating delegations. Sheikh Fahd thanked him on behalf of the committee.



All the medal winners of the Under-16 event.

Ireland surge towards finals

DUBLIN, Oct. 11. (Reuters) — Ireland, spurred by a significant 42nd minute goal from Ronnie Whelan, surged towards their first-ever World Cup soccer finals by beating Northern Ireland 3-0 today.

Liverpool midfielder Whelan's goal eased Ireland nerves in the face of a defiant effort by their neighbours, and they wrapped up their win through second-half strikes from Tony Cascarino and Ray Houghton.

Northern Ireland defended with tenacity until the crucial moment when goalkeeper George Dunlop flapped half-heartedly at Steve Staunton's swirling left-wing cross and managed only to punch the ball to the lurking Whelan on the edge of

the area. Whelan steered the ball home through a forest of legs and in off a post for only his third goal for his country, opening the way for his side to seize control in the second half.

Northern Ireland, frustrated earlier by two Mick McCarthy goalline clearances, were effectively sunk two minutes after the interval when Cascarino powered home a header from Kevin Sheedy's right-wing cross.

Real Sociedad striker John Aldridge, who has scored just once in 26 internationals, almost improved his tally with a diving header and then a reflex nod against the post, but it was Liverpool midfielder Ray Houghton who sealed victory.

He brilliantly eluded defender Mal Donaghy 25 metres out and sent a right-foot shot skimming beyond Dunlop's fingers and into the far corner of the net.

Ireland ultimately showed superiority in all departments to achieve their biggest win since English manager Jack Charlton took over four years ago.

● In Varna, Bulgaria beat Greece 4-0 (halftime 0-0) in a World Cup European Group One soccer qualifier today.

● In Sarajevo, Yugoslavia beat Norway 1-0 (halftime 1-0) in the World Cup European Group Five soccer qualifier today.

● In Chorzow, Poland and England drew 0-0 in a World Cup European Group Two soccer qualifier today.



Sheikh Fahd (right) with Major Al Humaidi.



A part of the audience at the dinner party.

Larkins set for recall

NEW DELHI, Oct. 11. (Reuters) — Wayne Larkins, who last played Test cricket eight years ago, looked to have booked his recall to international duty when he hammered an unbeaten 103 in an England practice match today.

The 35-year-old opener hit two sixes and 14 fours from the 127 balls he faced before retiring. Coupled with an equally rapid 70 from 78 balls by Robin Smith, it was enough to give England a 137-run win over an Indian Railways XI.

But the match, a warm-up for the six team Nehru Cup one-day competition starting on Sunday, was not without its disappointments for England.

Captain Graham Gooch was bowled for only eight and newcomer Nasser Hussain was caught for 10 as England totalled 253 for three in their 50 overs.

Paceman Angus Fraser was England's most successful bowler with four for 21 as the Railways team were dismissed for 126.

Yorkshire to keep away outsiders

LEEDS, England, Oct. 11. (Reuters) — Yorkshire, the only one of the 17 English first-class counties who insist on their team comprising cricketers born within the county, have decided not to break with that tradition.

That was the outcome of an emergency meeting of Yorkshire's general committee at their Headingley headquarters yesterday to conduct a full scale inquiry into the team's wretched 1989 season in which they finished next to bottom in the county championship.

There was no support for the signing of an overseas player, and a move which would have enabled Yorkshire to sign English players from outside the county boundaries was also heavily defeated.

Towards the end of last season, captain Phil Carrick wrote to each member of the committee pleading with them to abandon the policy of using only Yorkshire-born players, and he was supported in a separate letter written on behalf of the players.

World team squash results

SINGAPORE, Oct. 11. (Reuters) — Results of round-robin matches in the World Team Squash Championship today (top four teams in Group A and B qualify for quarterfinals):

Group A: Pakistan 3 Sweden 0; Jahangir Khan beat Fredrik Johnson 9-1, 9-2; Jansher Khan beat Anders Wahlstedt 9-4, 9-0, 9-0; Umar Hayat Khan beat Bjorn Almstrom 9-0, 9-5, 9-9, 9-3.

New Zealand 3 Scotland 0; Ross Norman beat Mark MacLean 9-2, 9-1, 9-5; Rory Watt beat Frank Ellis 9-6, 9-3, 9-7; Scott Harrison beat Greene Sword 9-5, 9-6, 9-4.

Canada 2 France 1 (Canadian names first); Sahar Butt beat John Elstob 4-9, 9-4, 9-9, 9-9, 9-0; Jamie Crombie lost to Julien Bonet 3-4, 4-9, 10-9, 3-9; Gene Turc beat Eric Claudel 9-2, 9-3, 9-4.

Group B: Australia 3 Finland 0; Chris Dittmar beat Sami Elopuro 9-6, 9-1, 9-0; Rodney Martin beat Marko Puli 9-10, 6-9, 9-0; Brett Martin beat Petri Levomaki 9-4, 9-4, 9-4.

England 3 Netherlands 0; Bryan Besson beat Hans Frieling 9-2, 9-7, 9-1; Jason Nicol beat Raymond Schaffer 2-9, 9-7, 9-2, 9-6; Simon Parker beat Erik Van der Pluym 3-9, 9-2, 9-3, 9-0.

Egypt 3 Singapore 0; Ahmed Taha beat Peter Hill 2-9, 3-9, 9-4, 9-1; Gamal El Amir beat Zainal Abidin 9-6, 10-9, 4-9, 7; Amir Wagh beat Anthony Chua 9-7, 1-9, 9-4, 9-3.

Top seeds may fall before semifinals



Seve Ballesteros

WENTWORTH, England, Oct. 11. (Reuters) — Any one of the top four seeds — Sandy Lyle, Nick Faldo, Seve Ballesteros and Ian Woosnam — could stumble out of his week's World Matchplay Golf Championship without securing a semifinal place.

Lyle, seeded first as the titleholder, shows no signs of breaking out of an eight-month slump.

Third seed Ballesteros missed the cut at last week's West German Masters and fourth seed Woosnam has lost the summer sharpness that earned him seven successive top-six finishes.

Only second-seeded Faldo is producing any semblance of the golf that earned him this year's US and British Masters titles along with the British PGA and French Open titles.

But he has not won since June, and after leading last week's West German Masters at the halfway stage, he fell away with rounds of 74 and 73 to finish joint seventh, six shots behind the winner.

He will start the four-day matchplay event under another cloud after confirming yesterday he would not defend his season-ending Volvo Masters title in Valderrama, Spain, late this month, opting for the more lucrative Nabisco Championship in the United States.

He was accused of disloyalty by a spokesman for the Valderrama event organisers.

Bernhard Langer, who won the West German Masters on Sunday, is not playing here because he feels his weak back will not withstand the rigours of 36-hole matches.

He has opted instead to play in the inaugural BMW International Open in his native West Germany.

Given Langer's absence and the lack of promise of a serious challenge from the top four over Wentworth's demanding west course, the favourite's role

in the 12-man field may fall to Jose-Maria Olazabal of Spain.

Olazabal, who took over the lead in the European money list by finishing joint second to Langer in Stuttgart, is the only European playing consistently well.

He spearheaded Europe's effort in last month's Ryder Cup draw against the United States, winning 4-1/2 points from five matches, and he looks the best bet to hold off the raiders from the US Tour.

They do not include US Open and PGA champions Curtis Strange and Payne Stewart, nor British Open titleholder Mark Caldecocchia. But the American presence is still strong.

It includes Chip Beck, the top performer in the US Ryder Cup effort, Scott Hoch, beaten by Faldo in sudden death for the US Masters title, and Mike Reid, who just failed to grab the US PGA title in August.

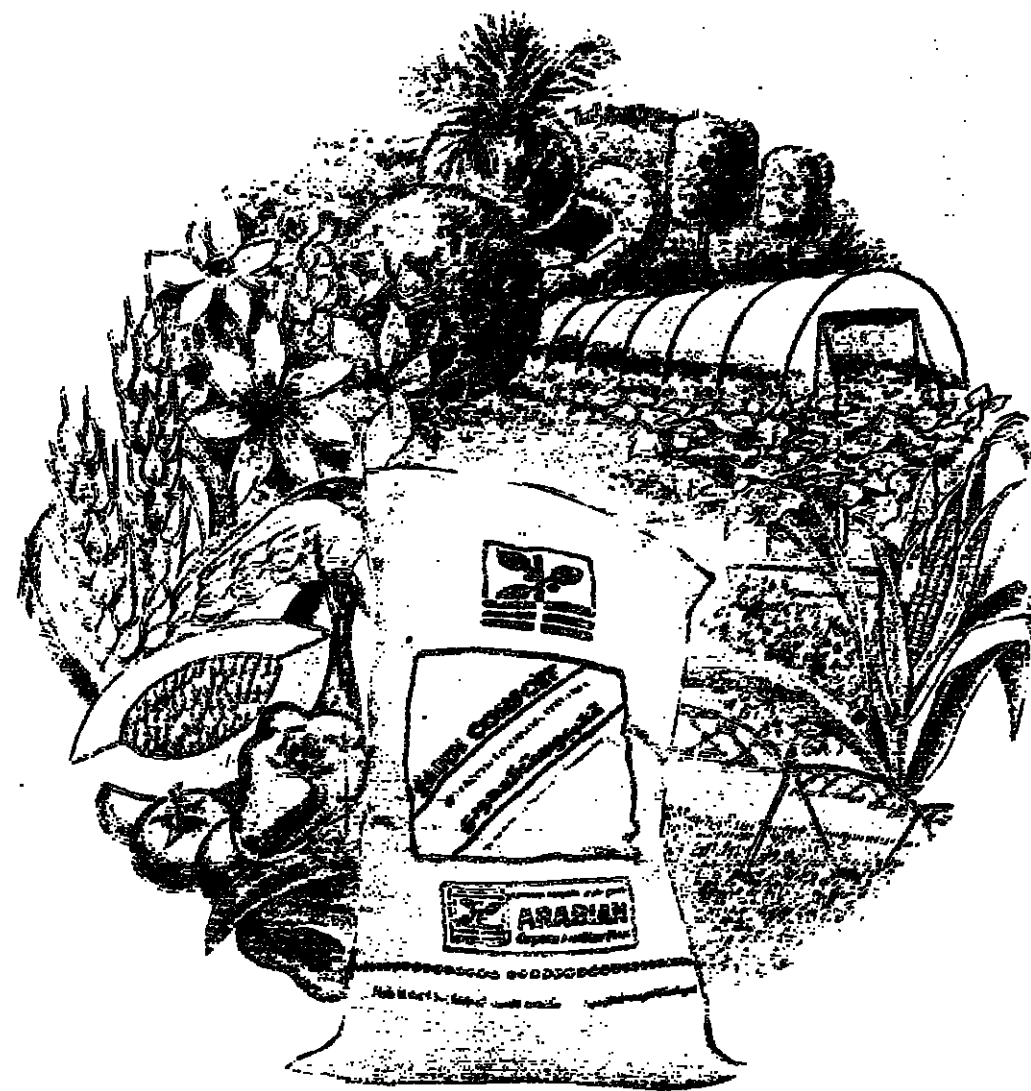
The field also includes US-based South African David Frost, a consistent player on the American circuit and winner of the World Series event in Ohio in August, as well as Australian Ian Baker-Finch, also a winner in the United States this year.

The big four have byes to the last eight and on Friday will meet the survivors of tomorrow's four first round matches.

These pit Reid against Briton Ronan Rafferty for the right to meet Lyle, Olazabal against Hoch with the winner playing Woosnam, Beck against Aki Omachi of Japan with the survivor facing Ballesteros, and Frost against Australian Ian Baker-Finch to decide Faldo's opponent.

Prize money has been boosted this year to £350,000 (\$511,500) with the winner on Sunday receiving the biggest prize in European golf, £100,000 (155,000).

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